

Concord to the Bay Run

Revised designs for Lyons Road West



Community Consultation Report

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Background

The East-West Regional Cycleway (Concord to the Bay Run) aims to expand Council's local bike network by establishing a safe bike connection between Concord and Henley Marine Drive (The Bay Run) for people of all ages and riding abilities. Council has received \$7 million from the NSW Government to deliver this project as part of the Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program.

In 2020, draft concept designs were shared with the community for feedback and since then, various sections of the cycleway have been completed.

The Lyons Road West section is now being prioritised for delivery as it will provide a key connection along the regional cycleway route. This consultation sought community feedback on a revised concept design for the Lyons Road West section of the regional cycleway.

The revised design includes:

- Two new raised pedestrian and bike crossings
- New separated cycleway along the north side of Lyons Road West
- New footpath along the north side of Lyons Road West, enhancing access to the foreshore
- Upgraded access to bus stops

Community consultation ran from 10 – 28 July 2024 and feedback is summarised in this report.

As part of the consultation process Council obtained feedback from key stakeholders and received a petition, which is outlined in this report. This feedback will be considered alongside feedback from the wider community as design work progresses, however has not be included in the 'results' or 'feedback summary' sections as further engagement with these groups is required.

Consultation methods

- Online survey hosted on Collaborate (see appendix A)
- 2 x drop-ins at the corner of Lyons Road West and Regatta Road
- Email/phone feedback
- Stakeholder meetings with Canada Bay Club, Barnwell Park Golf Club and Carmen's on the Park

Notification methods

The following methods were implemented to notify the community of this consultation:

- Notification letter delivered to approximately 2,000 nearby residents
- Email to past participants
- Email to key stakeholders
- 4 x posters installed along the route
- City of Canada Bay enewsletter
- Social media

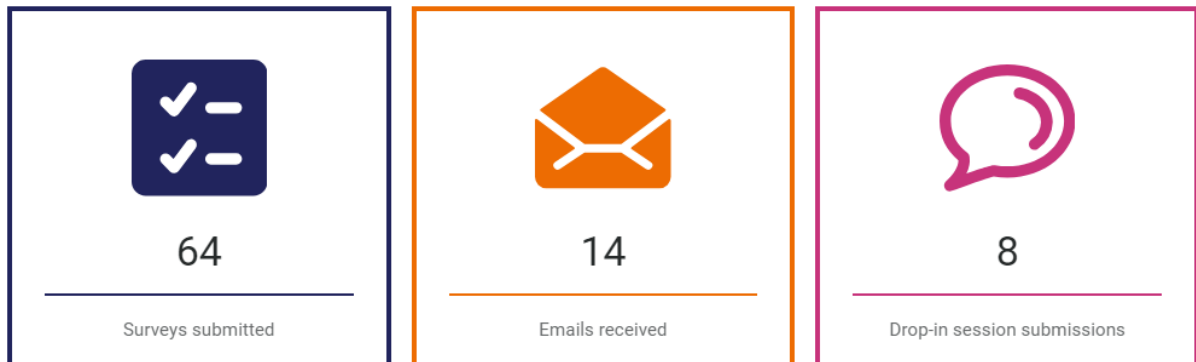
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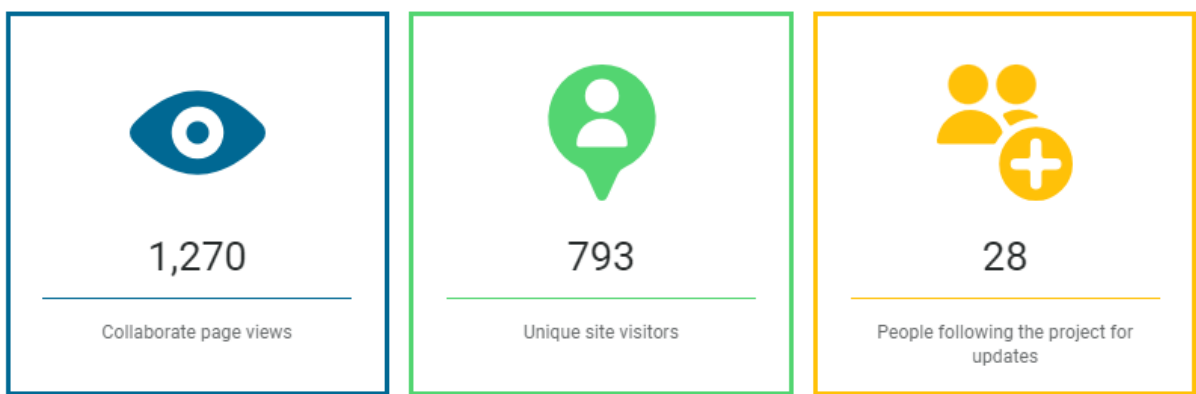
Figure 1 Notification letter distribution area

Consultation summary

Engagement snapshot



Collaborate reach

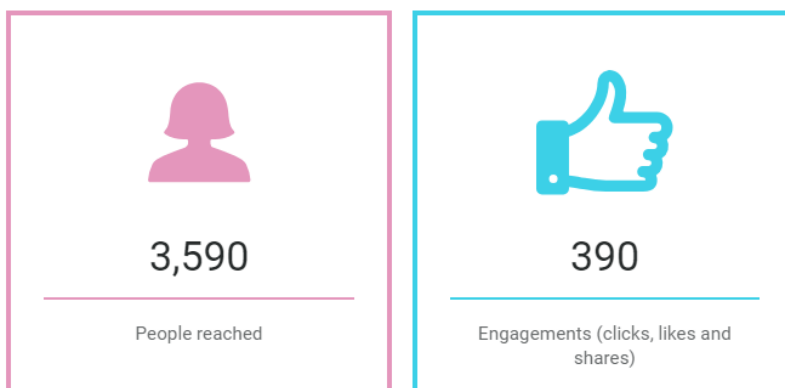


Digital promotions reach

This consultation was promoted via:

- Story in the July City of Canada Bay newsletter
- 1 x Instagram post
- Email to 392 past participants via Collaborate

A copy of the digital promotions can be found at appendix C.



Results

In total, 86 submissions were received, broken down as follows:

- 64 surveys (including 3 hard copy surveys submitted at drop-in sessions)
- 14 emails
- 8 submissions collected at the drop-in session

Duplicate submissions were removed so that all participants are given one voice.

Feedback summary

Overall level of support

57% of respondents either support the updated designs or support the updated designs with some suggested changes. The level of support is broken down as follows:

- 29% of respondents (25) support the updated designs
- 28% (24) support with some suggested changes
- 43% (37) do not support

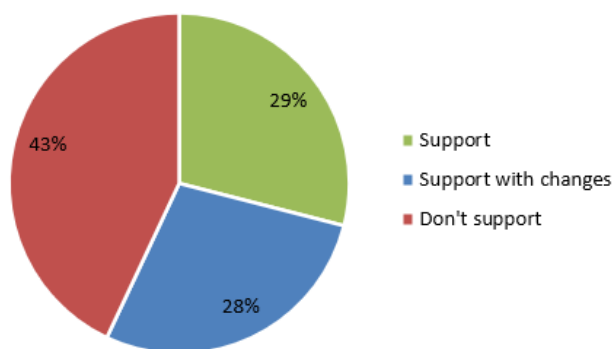


Figure 2 Overall support for updated designs

47% of survey respondents noted the construction of the bike and pedestrian path would encourage them to walk or ride a bike along Lyons Road West. Of the respondents who indicated 'no' or 'not sure', the main reasons given were that they don't live in the area or don't cycle.

Key themes

Safety

In general, safety is a top priority for the community. Some respondents believe the updated designs will make the area safer for pedestrians and bike riders (15%), particularly given the inclusion of new raised pedestrian crossings. Other respondents suggested additional safety improvements such as golf screens, adjusting lane widths, traffic calming, lighting and signage.

The intersection at the corner of Lyons Road West and William Street was mentioned a few times, with suggestions to make this area safer.

A small number of respondents believe it would be safer for bike riders to stay on the road rather than ride on a separated cycleway.

Parking

Some community members, including Barnwell Park Golf Club and Carmen's on the Park, are concerned with the proposed parking loss (36%) and subsequent impact on businesses (21%).

Suggestions to mitigate this include removing the footpath or building the path further onto the nature strip where possible.

Route connectivity

A few respondents suggested improving the connectivity of the route to increase usage and safety (8%), in particular the connections at the eastern and western ends of the Lyons Road West designs.

Community survey results – 64 submissions

Support for the updated designs

- 28% (18) support the updated designs
- 25% (16) support with suggested changes
- 47% (30) do not support

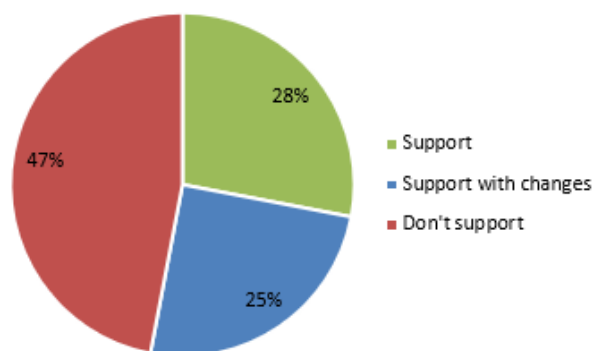


Figure 3 Support for updated designs

Respondent demographics – suburb

61% of respondents (39) live in City of Canada Bay, of which:

- 36% (14) support the updated design
- 33% (13) support with some suggested changes
- 31% (12) do not support

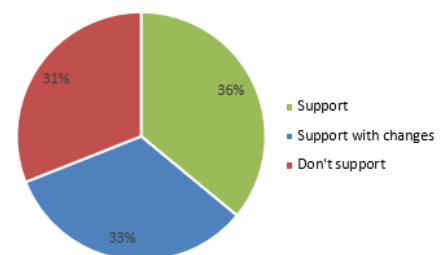


Figure 4 Support for updated designs – City of Canada Bay residents

Respondent demographics – regular riders

50% of respondents (32) ride regularly, of which:

- 25% (8) support the updated design
- 31% (10) support with some suggested changes
- 16% (5) do not support

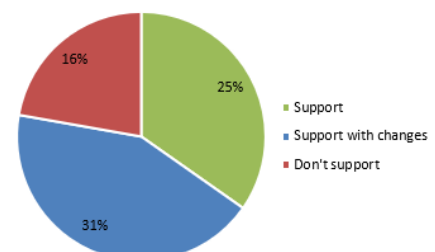


Figure 5 Support for updated designs – regular riders

Walking and riding along Lyons Road West

Respondents were asked if the construction of the bike and pedestrian path would encourage them to walk or ride a bike along Lyons Road West.

- 47% (30) said yes
- 44% (28) said no
- 9% (6) said not sure

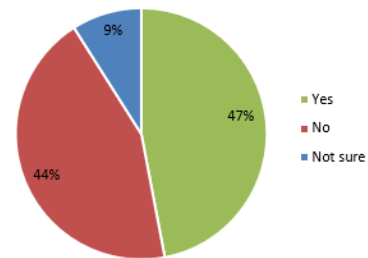


Figure 6 Respondents who would be encouraged to walk/cycle

Of those that said no/not sure, the main reasons given include:

- Don't live in the area
- Don't ride a bike
- There are other bike paths in the area
- Safer to ride on the road

Feedback mentioned by 2 or more respondents has been included in the table below.

Tag	Percent	Count
don't live in the area	15%	4
don't cycle	15%	4
there are other bike paths	11%	3
safer to ride on road	11%	3
parking loss	7%	2
already cycle without a bike path	7%	2

Other feedback/comments:

- Not needed
- Won't be used
- The roundabout at William Street is not safe

Feedback/comments on the updated design

95% of respondents (61) provided feedback or comments on the proposed design.

Of these, 16% (10) were generic responses opposing the project considering the parking loss and the impact this would have on businesses. and suggesting the removal of the footpath on the northern side of Lyons Road West or building further onto the nature strip to reduce parking loss.

Most of the other comments related to parking loss and a need to improve pedestrian/bike safety and route connectivity. 21% (13) of comments noted support for the project and did not provide suggestions for improvement, with 11% (7) noting the project will improve safety in the area.

Feedback mentioned by 2 or more respondents has been included in the following table.

Tag	Percent	Count
parking loss	41%	25
impact on businesses	26%	16
remove footpath	21%	13
build further onto nature strip to avoid parking loss	20%	12
will improve safety	11%	7
move path in front of golf course	3%	2
need pedestrian crossing at William St	3%	2
improve western connection	3%	2
raised crossing at Friend Ave	3%	2
improve eastern connection	3%	2

Other feedback/comments:

- Safety
 - Improve lighting
 - Improve the shared path along William St
 - Ensure refuge islands are wide enough for bikes to stop
 - Fix the footpath on the southern side of Lyons Road West
- Traffic calming
 - Reduce vehicle lane widths to slow traffic down
 - Install traffic calming at the roundabout at William Street
- Install clear signage at shared path connection
- Retain the tree at Lyons Road West and William Street
- Bike path doesn't connect to anywhere
- Minimise the height of the concrete barriers
- Increase width of bike path and reduce width of footpath
- Remove the fence near Friend Avenue as it obstructs fishermen and views
- Move the pedestrian crossing at Regatta Road further towards the bus stop or golf club as in the current position it will create noise for residents and impact their privacy. Moving the crossing in front of the golf club would benefit the restaurant.

Drop-in feedback – 8 submissions

8 submissions were collected at the drop-in sessions, as well as 3 hard copy surveys. The survey submissions were put through the online form and are included in the survey results above.

Of the 8 drop-in submissions:

- 5 support the updated designs
- 3 support with suggested changes

Feedback/comments on the updated design

Most comments relate to safety. Feedback is listed below, with the numbers in brackets indicating the number of times each comment was mentioned.

- Install golf screens, in particular opposite 577-581 Lyons Road West (3)
- Support for pedestrian crossings as they will improve safety for pedestrians (2)
- Project will improve safety for cyclists (1)
- Install signage to slow cars down at pedestrian crossings (1)
- Need a bigger fence along the golf course (1)
- Extend the Pro Shop car park to increase parking for golf club patrons (1)

Feedback via email/phone – 14 submissions

14 email/phone submissions were received, including submissions from Barnwell Park Golf Club,

Support

- 2 support the updated designs
- 5 support with suggested changes
- 7 do not support (including a petition submitted by Barnwell Park Golf Club)

Feedback or comments on the proposed design

Comments mainly focused on parking/traffic impacts and safety, with some suggestions to improve safety for pedestrians and bike riders. Feedback has been grouped below by theme, with the numbers in brackets indicating the number of times each piece of feedback was mentioned.

- Parking and traffic
 - Concern with the loss of parking (6) and the subsequent impact on businesses (2)
 - Parking loss will create accessibility issues (1)
 - Project will increase traffic congestion (1)
- Safety
 - Project will improve safety for walkers and riders (3)
 - The cycleway presents a safety hazard for pedestrians trying to cross Lyons Road West to access the bus (1)
 - Consider a 30km/hr speed limit or priority crossings where pedestrians, riders and vehicles intersect (3)
 - Improve lighting, particularly along William Street (3)
 - Ensure there are adequate barriers/separation between the cycleway, pedestrians and vehicles (3)
 - Consider a 40km/hr speed limit in the area (1)
 - Incorporate a pedestrian crossing into the bus stop designs (1)
 - Paint bike stencils on the road as confident cyclists will ride on the road (1)
- Parking restrictions
 - Parking restrictions are needed to deter advertising vehicles from parking for long periods (1)
 - Parking lanes need to accommodate large vehicles and resident permits are needed (1)
- Bike lanes
 - Install smooth and wide kerb lips and paths (3)
 - Increase bike path width to 1.5m each way to allow room for bikes to overtake (3)

- Ensure adequate barriers/separation between cycleway, pedestrians and vehicles (3)
- Ensure rainwater and debris doesn't pool on the cycleway (3)
- Reconsider shared paths to increase safety, minimise loss of greenery and reduce issues with stormwater and urban heating (1)

Other feedback:

- Improve connections with other parts of the route to increase usage (3)
- Golf screens should not impact resident views (1)
- Incorporate landscaping between parking spaces and between the cycleway and footpath (1)

Petition

Barnwell Park Golf Club submitted a petition opposing the project due to the proposed parking loss. The petition had 606 signatures (543 online and 63 hard copies).

Of the signatories:

- 101 (17%) live in the City of Canada Bay
- 404 (67%) live in other parts of Sydney/NSW
- 97 (16%) live in other States/Territories
- 4 (1%) live overseas

Stakeholder meetings

2 stakeholder meetings were held the week before the community consultation period started. Feedback is summarised below.

Stakeholder meeting 1 - Canada Bay Club

Feedback:

- Concern for the safety of club patrons crossing Bevin Avenue
- Request for signage plan to ensure pedestrians and drivers are aware of the club's 2 driveways on William Street
- Request to inspect the footpath surface on Bevin Avenue and lighting at the corner of the intersection

Stakeholder meeting 2 - Barnwell Park Golf Club and Carmen's on the Park

Feedback:

- Parking loss will impact the club and members
 - Noted that parking loss would also severely impact restaurant operations as older customers need to be park nearby
 - Suggested building the bike path on the south side on part of the golf course land
 - Suggested reviewing verge width on the northern side to reduce parking loss
 - Suggested removing the footpath along the foreshore or building it out over the water to retain parking
- Noted that golf balls are often hit onto William Street

Appendices

A. Survey questions

01. Do you support the updated designs for Lyons Road West?

Select one answer only
☐ Yes
☐ Yes, with some suggested changes
☐ No

02. Do you ride a bike regularly?

Select one answer only
☐ Yes
☐ No

03. Would the construction of the bike and pedestrian path encourage you to walk or ride a bike along Lyons Road West?

Select one answer only
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

04. Why not?

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05. Please provide any feedback or comments about the proposed design here:

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06. Name:

07. Email:

08. Address:

09. Suburb:

B. Notification methods

Notification letter

Office of Mayor
Michael Megna

City of
Canada Bay

10 July 2024

The Resident
Five Dock NSW 2046

Dear Resident

Concord to the Bay Run: Lyons Road West Footpath and Cycleway Works

Since its announcement in 2020, we have asked our community for feedback on draft designs for **Concord to the Bay Run**, our East-West Regional Cycleway.

This active transport link will improve our pedestrian and bike network, encouraging a shift to active transport and enabling safety improvements on our streets. This project is proudly funded by the NSW Government.

This project has been split into stages, with some sections already completed and others progressing at various stages. We're now seeking feedback on an updated concept design for the Lyons Road West section of the works.

This section is being prioritised for design and construction as it will provide a key connection along the foreshore. The updated concept design features safer crossings for pedestrians and bike riders and aims to minimise parking loss.

To view the draft designs and provide your feedback, visit collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/ewcycleway or scan the QR code. Feedback closes Sunday 28 July 2024.

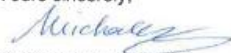


How to provide feedback

- Online at collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/ewcycleway
- Email: council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au (subject: Lyons Road West)
- In-person: Council officers will be at the corner of Lyons Road West and Regatta Road on Saturday 13 July from 9am-11am and Wednesday 17 July from 4pm-5:30pm.
- Mail: Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne NSW 1470 (Attn: PMO team)

If you have any questions, please contact Council's Strategic Portfolio Manager, Stephanie Cascun, on 9121 0232.

Yours sincerely,


Mayor Michael Megna
City of Canada Bay

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Site poster



For more information,
please contact Council on 9911 6555
or email council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au

Concord to the Bay Run

Draft concept designs for Lyons Road West

We're seeking feedback on a draft concept design for the Lyons Road West section of the regional cycleway. This route will enable pedestrians and riders to travel from Concord West towards the Bay Run. The draft design features safer crossings for pedestrians and bike riders and aims to minimise parking loss. Learn more and provide your feedback by Sunday 28 July.

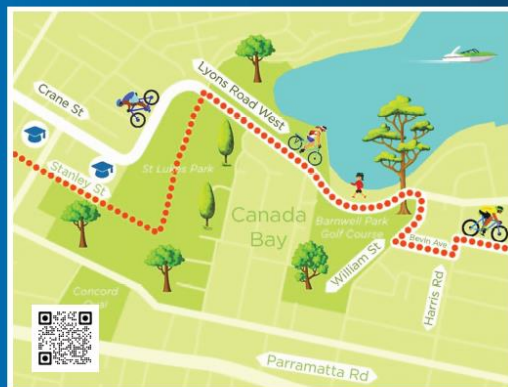
Have your say

Online: collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/ewcycleway
or scan the QR code

Email: council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au
(subject: Lyons Road West)

Call: 9911 6555

In-person: Council officers will be at the corner of Lyons Rd West and Regatta Rd on Saturday 13 July from 9-11am and Wednesday 17 July from 4-5.30pm.



C. Communications report Newsletter story – July 2024



Enhancing foreshore connections: new footpath and cycleway planned for Lyons Road West

Do you enjoy a foreshore walk or ride? We're planning to build a new footpath and cycleway along Lyons Road West to improve connectivity along the foreshore.

The new pathway will start at Friend Avenue, run towards Regatta Road, and then follow the southern edge of Barnwell Park Golf Course to St Luke's Oval, Concord. Click the link below to view the draft plans and share your thoughts.

Instagram post – 24 July 2024



Collaborate email to past participants

Concord to the Bay Run - Updated Designs for Lyons Road West

Thanks for your interest in Concord to the Bay Run, the East-West Regional Cycleway.

Since the initial community consultation on this project, various sections have been constructed to make it easier and safer to walk and ride.

We are now sharing a revised concept design for the Lyons Road West section, which is being prioritised as it provides a key connection along the regional cycleway route.

Take a look at the revised concept design and provide your feedback by Sunday 28 July.

[Learn more](#)

D. Detailed survey results

Respondent demographics - suburb

