

B-line Update

The NSW Government is taking action to deliver improved transport for the Northern Beaches, including an integrated program of service and infrastructure improvements to deliver a new B-Line bus service.

The B-Line service is scheduled to start operating in late 2017. The B-Line will provide more frequent and reliable bus services for customers travelling between the Northern Beaches and the Sydney CBD.

Active Transport

Transport for NSW is working with councils to integrate the B-Line's pedestrian and cycle ways with local active transport plans, and provide incentives to increase the connections between selected stops.

High quality bicycle facilities will be provided at B-Line commuter car parks and at some B-Line stops.

Northern Beaches Council's active transport program

A project to integrate existing cycle and active transport paths with B-Line stops is a central focus of Northern Beaches Council's active transport program **Connecting Northern Beaches**, which was announced on 16 December 2016.

The \$22.3 million program features 36 kilometres of continuous, all-weather coastal walkways from Palm Beach to Manly, as well as 36 kilometres of new cycle ways and shared paths connecting north-south and east-west.

Work is expected to start in March 2017.

The full media release is available on the Northern Beaches Council website at <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/>





Proposed B-Line route, stops and commuter car parks

The program

The Northern Beaches B-Line Program will deliver a new B-Line bus service and improved facilities to make public transport more attractive to customers.

The program includes:

- **Roadworks to reduce general traffic congestion** including new turn bays, extended turn bays, closure of some local roads and changed parking restrictions
- **Bus priority initiatives** to make bus journey times faster and more reliable including bus lanes, transit lanes, new sections of tidal flow and indented bus bays
- **Six commuter car parks** at Mona Vale, Warriewood, Narrabeen, Dee Why, Brookvale and Manly Vale providing around 900 car spaces, as well as bicycle facilities, to encourage customers to park and ride
- A new B-Line **double deck bus fleet** for improved on-board capacity and comfort
- **Nine modern B-Line stops** at Mona Vale, Warriewood, Narrabeen, Collaroy, Dee Why, Brookvale, Manly Vale, Spit Junction (Mosman) and Neutral Bay featuring real time passenger information and improved facilities for customers
- Works to ensure integrated **pedestrian and bicycle links** to commuter car parks and B-Line stops.

Program status

Community feedback on proposed road infrastructure works was sought in late 2016 and early 2017 with the following Reviews of Environmental Factors on public display:

- Dee Why B-Line road infrastructure
- Brookvale to Seaforth B-Line road infrastructure
- Spit Bridge to Neutral Bay B-Line road infrastructure.

Formal submissions are currently being assessed. The project team is continuing to meet with the community as proposals progress.

Site establishment for approved work at Narrabeen, Manly Vale and the former Greater Union Cinema site at Spit Junction (Mosman) took place in late February, in preparation for early works to begin this month.

Delivery by precinct

Below is a brief update on approved works by precinct as at March 2017.

Mona Vale – A Review of Environmental Factors for works at Mona Vale was on public display in November 2016 and Transport for NSW provided approval in February 2017. The Determination Report is available for downloading from our website.

The project team has been working with community members to maintain the current amenity at Village Park on Barrenjoey Road, which is the site of a northbound indented bus bay and new B-Line stop.

The indented bus bay will improve traffic flow by separating general traffic from buses that stop to drop off and pick up passengers.

Warriewood – Service investigations began on 6 March 2017 for the new Warriewood commuter car park, with site establishment expected later this month. A new multi-level commuter car park will replace the existing at-grade car park at North Narrabeen Reserve (otherwise known as ‘Rat Park’), providing 250 additional car spaces. Construction will be staged, where possible, to maximise the number of parking spaces available at any one time during the construction period. A new signalised intersection at the car park entrance will allow pedestrians to cross Pittwater Road to access the northbound B-Line stop. The B-Line stops will be co-located with local bus stops, making it simple to transfer between B-Line and local services if required.

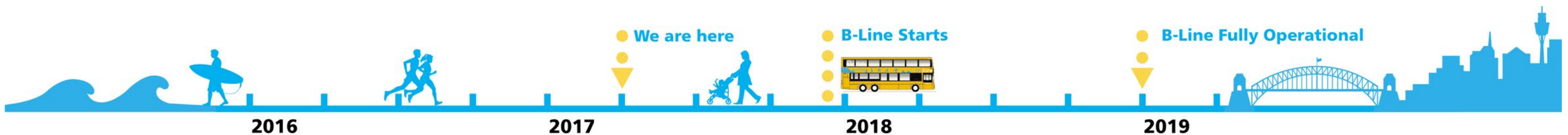
Narrabeen – Early works began on 18 January 2017 to extend the existing car park on the western side of Pittwater Road adjacent to Berry Reserve. Work includes roadworks, new northbound and southbound B-Line stops and improvements to commuter, pedestrian and cycling links. Intersection improvements on Pittwater Road at Mactier, Wetherill and Clarke Street were completed in late 2016.

Collaroy – Transport for NSW approved B-Line bus stops and road works on 1 March 2017, including eight right turn bays to improve safety and ease congestion on Pittwater Road. The Collaroy submissions report is available on the B-Line website. B-Line bus stops will be provided on both sides of Pittwater Road, near Collaroy Street.

Manly Vale

Site establishment and early work for a new multi-level commuter car park at the intersection of Condamine Street and Kenneth Road is expected to begin in March 2017. The new car park will provide approximately 150 car parking spaces. There will be new northbound and southbound B-Line bus stops on Condamine Street, north of Kenneth Road, featuring weather protection, seating and real-time information.

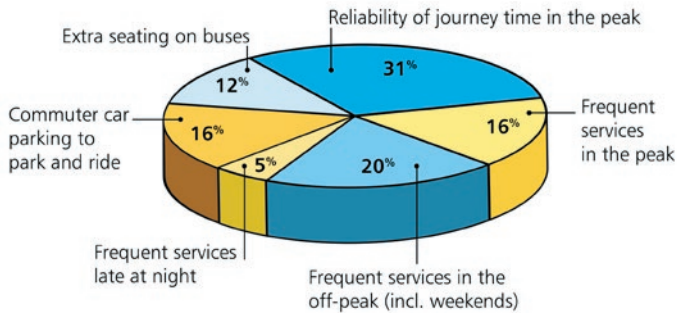
Spit Junction – The former Greater Union cinema complex at Spit Junction is being demolished to make way for a B-Line bus stop and new indented bus bay to support both B-Line and other bus services. Early work started in February 2017 and is expected to take around eight weeks to complete, weather permitting. To ensure the safety of the community and to help reduce the impact on road users, some work will take place out of hours. Affected local residents and businesses will be notified prior to the major demolition work commencing, while traffic controllers will be on hand to assist drivers and pedestrians.



The service

What aspects of the B-Line interest you the most?

Below is a summary of the B-Line aspects that interest you the most. The results have been compiled from our on-line data since community consultation began in late 2015.



How is the B-Line Program addressing extra seating on buses?

New double deck buses will provide more seating capacity than the current buses, and the high frequency of B-Line services in peak periods and throughout the day will reduce the number of standing passengers.

How is 'park and ride' connected to B-Line commuter car parking?

Park and ride will be encouraged by provision of commuter car parks that will include bicycle storage facilities and improved pedestrian access to B-Line stops.

What is the frequency of B-Line services, and do they provide services late at night?

The B-Line will generally operate between the hours of approximately 5.30am and 12.30am. Service frequencies will be:

- every five minutes in the weekday southbound morning peak and northbound afternoon peak commute periods
- every 10 minutes at other times of the day, and on weekends, up to 11pm
- every 15 minutes between 11pm and 12.30am every day.

How will the reliability of bus journey times be improved in peak periods?

The B-Line program has identified a number of solutions to reduce delays to buses during peak periods and improve service reliability, while minimising the impact of these changes to general traffic.

These include new turn bays, extended turn bays, closure of local roads and changed parking restrictions.

Other initiatives are designed to give buses priority and make journey times faster and more reliable including bus lanes, transit lanes, new sections of tidal flow and indented bus bays.

Customer benefits

- ✓ a more reliable and frequent bus service from the Northern Beaches to Sydney CBD
- ✓ improved peak period passenger capacity, reducing crowding on buses and at bus stops
- ✓ improved bus stop facilities with increased weather protection
- ✓ access to more commuter car parking near bus stops
- ✓ improved cycling and walking connections to bus services
- ✓ easier connections between bus services and other modes of transport
- ✓ a bus services plan for the Northern Beaches that is easier to understand.

Stay updated and get involved

The project team will continue to distribute newsletters, advertise in local newspapers and update the project website to keep the community and other interested stakeholders informed of the program's progress and opportunities to be involved.

The program website offers opportunities to participate in discussion forums and ask questions, visit b-line.transport.nsw.gov.au to register.



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