Fact Sheet 2: South East Light Rail

A new face for UNSW at Anzac Parade

This is the second in a series of three fact sheets prepared by UNSW to help students and staff better understand our involvement in the planning and construction of the South East Light Rail. This fact sheet provides information about the proposed design of light rail along Anzac Parade.

South East Light Rail: A vital transport link for UNSW

An artist’s impression of light rail at Kensington

The South East Light Rail will change many streetscapes as it makes it way to UNSW from the CBD.

UNSW entrances along Anzac Parade will also be changed to create a safe and easily accessible connection to the light rail from campus.

The light rail route splits into two sections when it reaches Dacey Avenue.

One branch continues down Anzac Parade to Kingsford and the other down Alison Road to Randwick.

This route design provides UNSW with two light rail stops – one on Anzac Parade and the other on Wansey Road.
Designing the light rail

UNSW is working with the NSW Government, through its participation in Transport for NSW’s Client Working Group, to provide input into the planning, design and construction of the light rail. UNSW’s input is guided by a steering committee that has been established to ensure a coordinated and strategic response to the NSW Government’s proposals.

Safety is always UNSW’s number one priority and our input is seeking to ensure safety in all designs. With this in mind, UNSW’s steering committee is also providing input to the urban, architectural and industrial design of the light rail stops.

Another key factor in the design of the light rail is the recognition that trips to campus by public transport can mean changing buses or changing from train to bus. Some people drive their car or ride their bike to a train station to interchange, while others drive, ride or walk directly to campus.

The light rail will be an important transport link for UNSW – taking thousands of people off buses and onto light rail. It will be a vital additional mode of transport and it will be important that its planning and delivery is fully integrated across transport modes.
Active transport
Transport for NSW has advised that active transport – walking and cycling – will be an important element of the streetscape design. Cycleways and footpaths will be included to ensure active transport is connected with the light rail. This will be important to our students and staff, many of whom use these forms of transport.

Protection of trees
UNSW has tabled its concerns about the protection of trees such as the Moreton Bay Figs along Anzac Parade. Through its representation on the Client Working Group, established by Transport for NSW, UNSW and its partners, including Randwick City Council, will strongly support the protection of as many trees as possible.

Project milestones click here
2013 – Planning and design
In June 2013 a State Significant Infrastructure Application was lodged with the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DP&I) by Transport for NSW. On 5 August the DP&I Director General’s Requirements for the environmental assessment were issued by the DP&I, which outlined the requirement for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

2013 - Public exhibition of EIS
Transport for NSW plans to publicly exhibit the EIS before the end of 2013.

2014 - Assessment and Determination of EIS
DP&I will consult with government agencies and prepare a draft Director-General’s Report, recommending conditions for the project.

2014 - Construction starts
Construction is planned to start in 2014 and be completed by 2019/2020.

Have your say
UNSW is providing clear, coordinated input into the planning process. Unlike other public transport customers, we are in a unique position of influence because we have the capability to provide robust transport and planning data analysis through our Facilities Management team, which includes transport planners and analysts.

We expect to make a significant contribution to the planning process, with the help of students and staff, to get the best public transport outcome for UNSW.

Getting the best outcome means using one internal channel for input and feedback. This ensures the planners at Transport for NSW remain very clear about our needs during planning and construction of the South East Light Rail.

We welcome your comments and encourage you to have your say about this vital project. The University will collate all comments and pass them back to Transport for NSW. You can also send comments directly to Transport for NSW by emailing Projects@transport.nsw.gov.au