Fact Sheet 3: South East Light Rail
A partnership approach

This is the third 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 collaborative approach that UNSW is taking to the project.

South East Light Rail: A vital transport link for UNSW

UNSW and partners

Working with the NSW Government and lead partners

UNSW was instrumental in ensuring the feasibility study to extend the CBD light rail proposal to Randwick from Central became a reality when the NSW Government formed the Sydney Light Rail Round Table in September 2011.

When the CBD and South East Light Rail project was given the green light in December 2012, UNSW was recognised as a lead partner by the NSW Government and invited to join Transport for NSW’s Client Working Group to provide input into the design, planning and construction phases.

Through the working group, UNSW is working with other lead partners to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for students and staff.

Other lead partners are:

- Randwick City Council;
- City of Sydney Council;
- Australian Turf Club; and
- Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust.
UNSW Travel Survey

UNSW has been seeking an integrated transport solution for over a decade. The annual UNSW Travel Survey completed its 7th year in 2013 and has become a valuable source of information for UNSW operations and forward planning. It has also provided valuable data to the Client Working Group.

The graphs below demonstrate a continuing trend for staff and students to opt for more sustainable modes of travel. Over the seven year period the use of private vehicles has declined and the use of public and active transport has increased. The survey results show that students and staff support the need for light rail for the future of the UNSW.

**Travel trends 2007-2013 (percentage of respondents)**

**Travel trends 2007-2013 (staff and students - actual numbers on a typical semester day)**
The figures below display the number of people using each mode of transport at each campus entrance point, demonstrating how students and staff enter and exit the campus.

**Arrival Points**

**Departure Points**
Coordinating UNSW’s response to the NSW Government

UNSW has established the South East Light Rail Steering Committee, chaired by Facilities Management, which meets regularly to provide guidance to UNSW’s representatives on the Client Working Group and to further define our goals and expectations.

The Steering Committee’s main aim is to represent the interests of students and staff and provide clear and consistent input into Transport for NSW’s planning process.

UNSW has raised key issues around safety, reliability of services, integration of transport modes, pedestrian movement and flow, visual identity and urban design. Additionally, the following issues have been raised with Transport for NSW:

- The importance of design and wayfinding/signage for the light rail stops as well as personal safety and security measures such as lighting;
- Ensuring safe pedestrian access between UNSW and light rail and bus stops – during and post construction;
- Preserving cycleways and pedestrian footpaths, linking them with light rail design and ensuring active transport access;
- Maintaining private vehicle access and mitigating the impact of traffic changes during and post construction;
- Reducing the construction impact on trees, especially the significant trees along Anzac Parade; and
- Closely managing the complex construction implications on water, electricity, cabling and other utilities, and UNSW infrastructure to mitigate the construction impacts.

UNSW expects that effective responses to each of these issues will be included in the final design of the project.
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