

Strategic Cycleway Corridors

Central River City Overview

Program update
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Acknowledgement of Country

Transport for NSW acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we work and live. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal people and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of NSW.



Our vision

The NSW Government vision is to provide a safe and connected cycleway network across Greater Sydney to enable more people to safely ride their bicycle as part of their everyday travel.

The Strategic Cycleway Corridor program provides the foundation for establishing safe and convenient cross-city cycleway connections that better connect centres, precincts, and places, and enables councils to progressively expand local bike networks.

Following the publication of the strategic cycleway corridor network for the Eastern Harbour City, the program is being expanded to include each of the Six Cities. This program update provides an overview of the strategic cycleway corridors for the Central River City.

The Central River City contains the metropolitan centre of Greater Parramatta, as well as a number of key strategic centres, including Sydney Olympic Park. It is currently home to more than two million people, with this expected to grow to 2.4 million by 2036.

Our challenges and opportunities

Our challenges

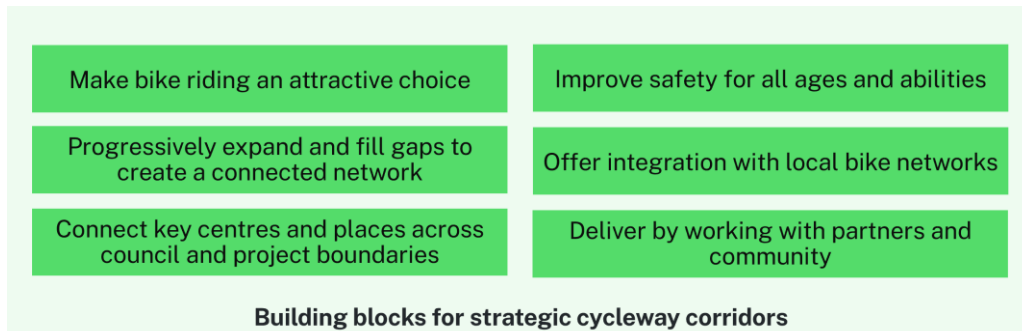
- 2 million daily car trips in Greater Sydney are less than 2km
- 6 million daily car trips in Greater Sydney are less than 5km
- Approximately 50% of students are driven to school
- Congestion is increasing with an estimated cost of more than \$15bn a year by 2031
- Lack of physical activity in adults is a growing concern with one in two adults in Central River City defined as overweight or obese
- Safety and a lack of suitable connections is a barrier to riding

Our opportunities

- Safe, direct and connected cycleways are attractive options for 70% of people
- Alternatives to short car trips help manage congestion and support net zero growth targets
- Riding can be a fast and healthy way of travelling for short trips
- Increasing riding opportunities enables people to be more active
- Majority of school students live within a 20-minute ride to school
- Supporting the recent shift in more people choosing to ride
- Incorporate bicycle infrastructure when planning development in greenfield sites.

Central River City strategic cycleway corridors

The primary focus of the strategic cycleway network for the Central River City is to provide safe cycleways for people of all ages and abilities to better connect centres, precincts, and places. The network was built around six building blocks.



Improving the network

To improve the network and enable more people to ride, this program will apply the design guidance in Transport for NSW’s Cycleway Design Toolbox.



The design of each corridor will consider a range of factors and the infrastructure response will be based on its local setting.

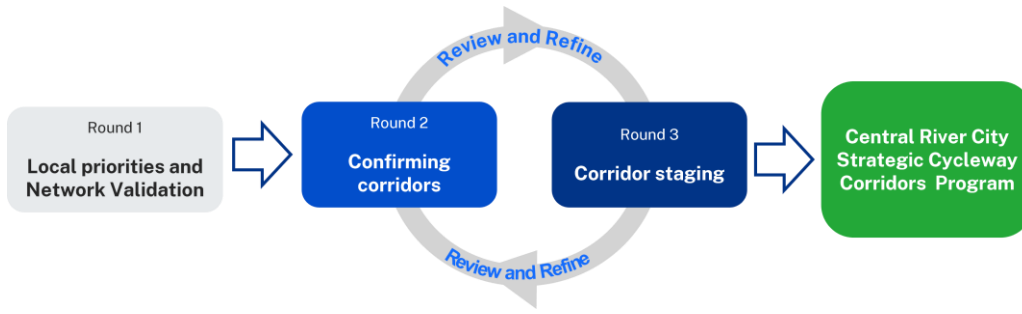


Connecting with Country

Transport for NSW will ensure First Nations people are involved in the development of routes, that culturally significant sites are protected, and cultural knowledge is valued, respected and enhanced as part of the future development of the strategic cycleway corridor network.

Local partnerships

The program and the effective staged development of corridors is contingent on the ongoing collaboration between Transport for NSW, local councils, and bike groups. Transport for NSW is working in partnership with 12 councils, five bike groups and key stakeholders across three rounds of engagement.



Communities will be consulted as each corridor is developed ensuring local needs and outcomes are considered.

Strategic cycleway corridor network map

32 strategic cycleway corridors have been identified for the Central River City. These make up approximately 340 km of network (as indicated in the map). The corridors will connect key centres and major points of interest. Exact routes will be subject to detailed design and collaboration with councils and community.

Connections with both the Eastern Harbour City and the Western Parkland City have been considered to ensure that a connected network across Greater Sydney is developed.

A fully connected network will be achieved by the progressive expansion of **strategic corridors** that go beyond local government boundaries, and by the delivery of **local bike networks**.

Some connections between centres, precincts and places are already established. Progressing connections which fill gaps in the network are priorities in the initial phase. This will help fast-track the development of our connected network and make riding an attractive option for everyday trips.

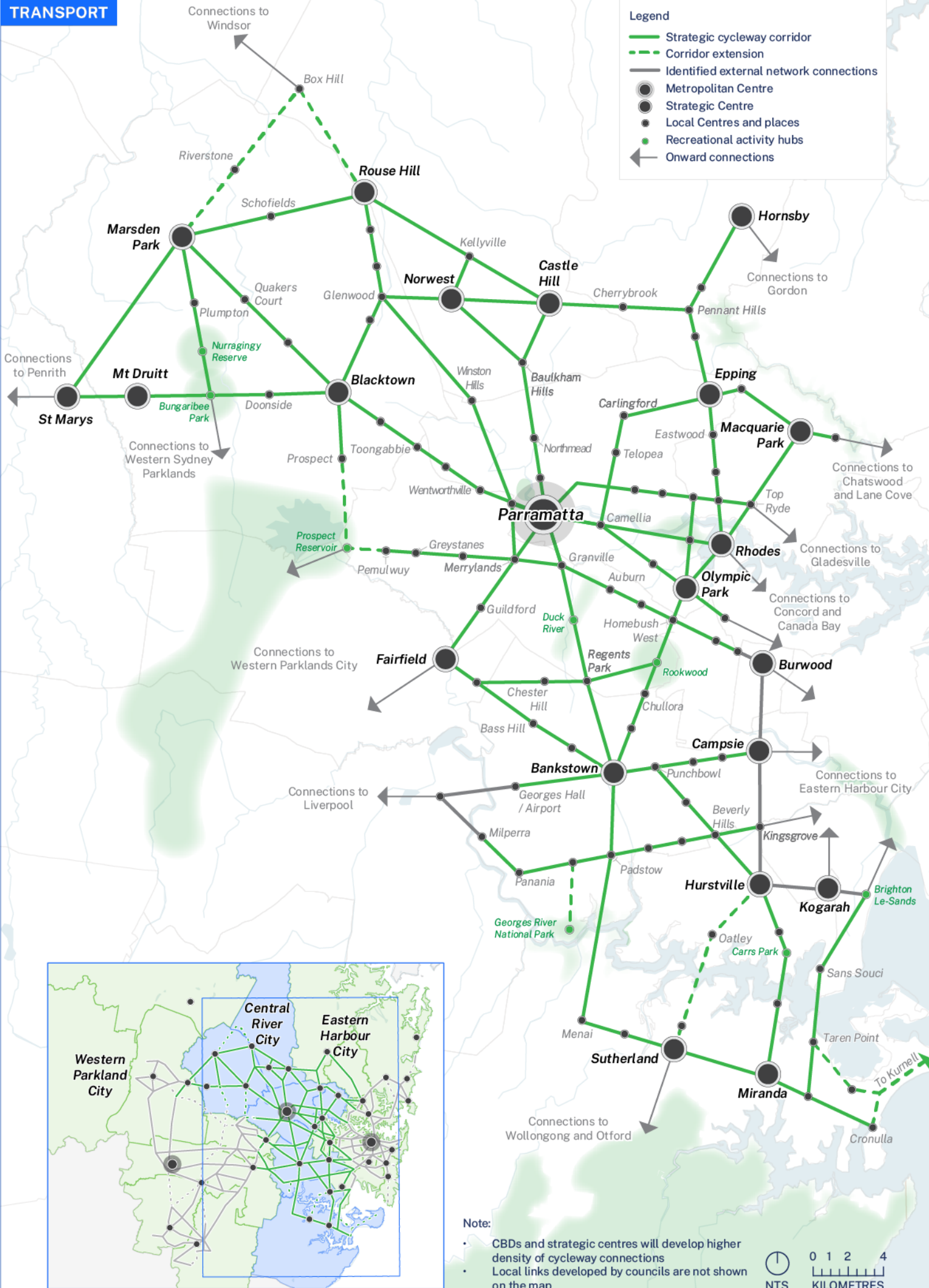
Expanding the network

The strategic cycleway corridors will initially focus on facilitating connections between key centres and places within the Central River City that will serve an important function in the future. As these centres and places continue to grow and change, the strategic network will evolve to meet these changing needs and ambitions, as stated in the Future Transport Strategy.

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Legend

- Strategic cycleway corridor
- - - Corridor extension
- Identified external network connections
- Metropolitan Centre
- Strategic Centre
- Local Centres and places
- Recreational activity hubs
- ← Onward connections



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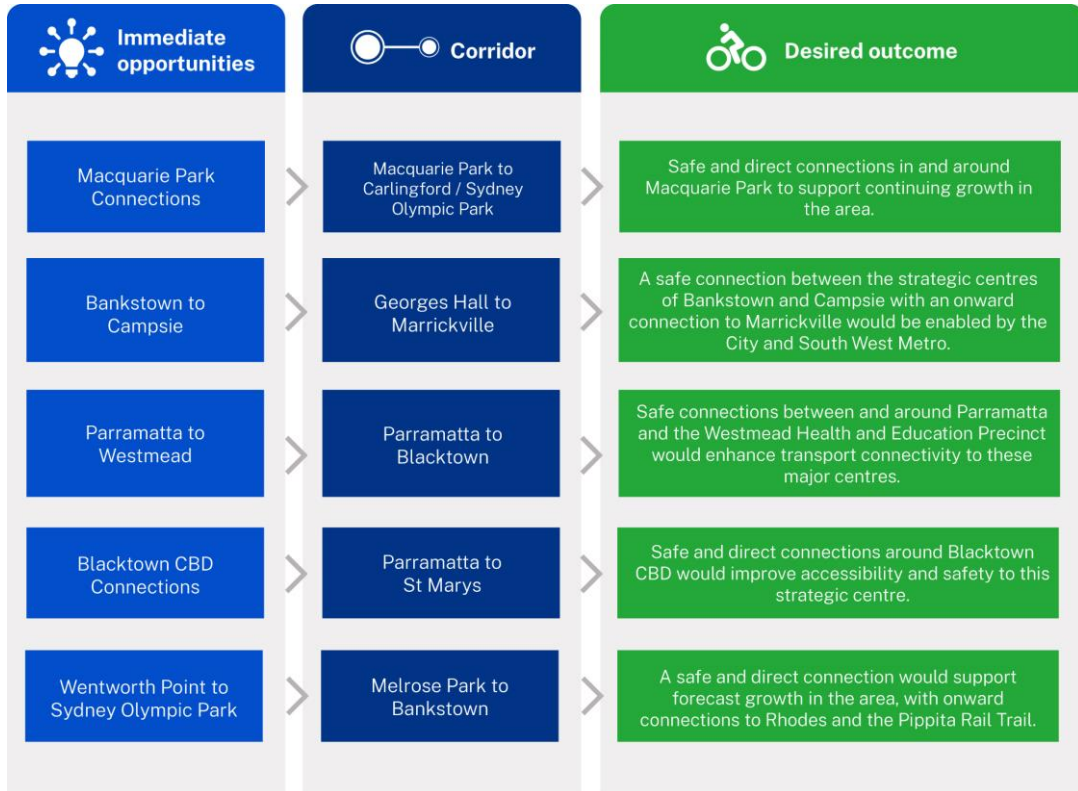
- CBDs and strategic centres will develop higher density of cycleway connections
- Local links developed by councils are not shown on the map



Immediate opportunities for investigation

Corridors will be developed in stages to progressively expand the connected network.

Five connections within the strategic network are seen as immediate opportunities for investigation to progress as they will fill important gaps in the network. Progressing these connections will help fast-track the forming of our connected network and enable more people to ride safely for everyday trips. The immediate opportunities are detailed below.



Transport for NSW will work with councils and partners to progress these immediate opportunities as well as expanding the program to include other corridors within the strategic network.

Supporting programs for a connected network

Transport for NSW will continue to support councils to deliver and expand local bike networks through planning guidance and funding support under the Get NSW Active program, alongside other major active transport projects, such as the Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link (SCATL). This local network planning framework complements the Strategic Cycleway Corridor Program by feeding into strategic corridors.

The 2022/23 Get NSW Active program provided \$117 million in funding projects that support safe and enjoyable walking and cycling trips across NSW.

The cycleway projects funded within Central River City as part of the 2022/23 program that are being delivered by councils include:

- **Lidcombe** - design of the Pippita Rail Trail (Cumberland City)
- **Cooks River Cycleway** - widening of shared user paths (City of Canterbury-Bankstown)
- **Parramatta** - re-alignment of the North West T-way cycleway (City of Parramatta)



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