

Improving City cycle routes and pedestrian networks

Union Street Pymont



View toward Union Street at the Murray Street crossing

**Come and discuss proposed design concepts
and measures to ensure a safe cycling route
and a liveable green network through Pymont.**

MEETING

Wednesday 12 November 2008
7.00pm - 8.30pm
Pymont Community Centre
Corner John and Mount Streets, Pymont



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INNER SYDNEY CYCLE NETWORK

Global warming demands that we look critically at how we build, occupy and get around our cities. As the major centres of population and the major greenhouse gas emitters, cities are where we have to make the real changes which will enable us to survive on this planet.

This was the fundamental principle driving our Sustainable Sydney 2030 vision which proposes a liveable green network of safe, attractive, continuous routes for pedestrians and cyclists.

Union Street is already a major pedestrian corridor and an important route for cyclists travelling to the CBD, visiting Pyrmont or using the ANZAC Bridge.

This cycleway project includes footpath improvements and new trees to create a liveable green network. It will expand our growing cycling network into viable alternative transport which will be safe enough for children. Union Street will link to the CBD King Street cycleway that is already underway, with future separated routes planned to the north and south.

Many cities around the world, including London, New York, Amsterdam and Melbourne, have introduced separated cycleways. The City of Sydney has allocated \$77 million over the next four years to build an effective cycle network across our area.

We want to make cycling a real transport alternative that will reduce road congestion, cut emissions and improve public health. With 15 other inner city councils we have identified a potential network of 245 kilometres of bike lanes, including 160 kilometres of separated bicycle roads and 70 kilometres of upgraded shared paths.

I encourage you to come along to the community meeting on Wednesday 12 November to see and contribute to the designs for Union Street.



Clover Moore MP
Lord Mayor

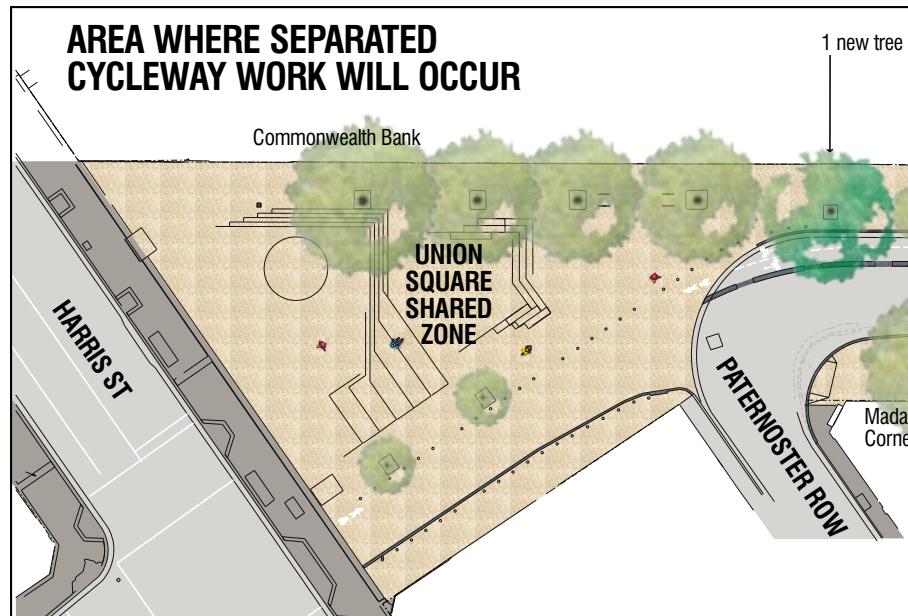
PROJECT BACKGROUND

The City has started to design and build cycling and pedestrian infrastructure across the Local Government Area.

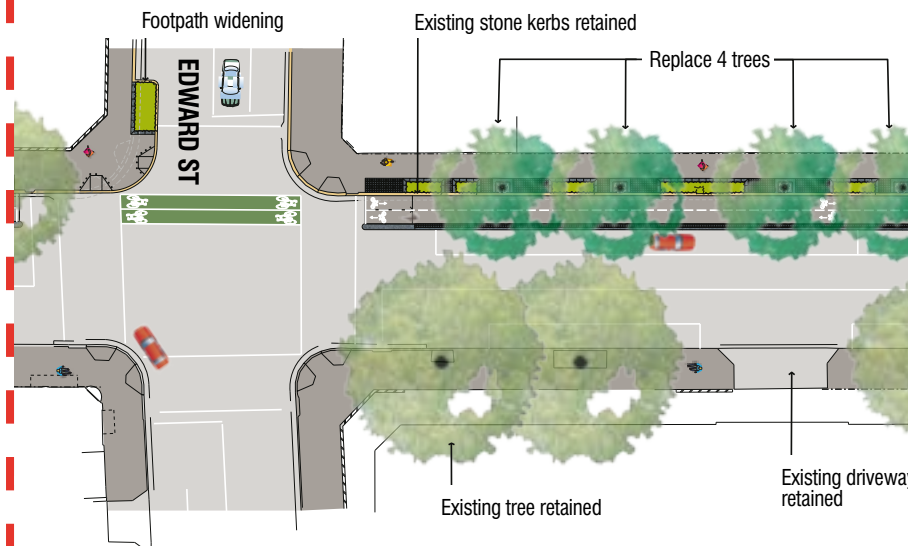
Dedicated safe spaces for bike riders and improved amenity for pedestrians, were some of the most common requests from the community during the Sustainable Sydney 2030 consultations. The 2030 plan includes providing improved cycling and pedestrian networks which will form a liveable green network across Sydney as part of our vision for greener, connected neighbourhoods.

Proposed features of the Union Street cycleway and a liveable green network —

- widening footpaths in selected areas to provide a safe travelling route for the exclusive use of pedestrians
- replacing 5 small trees in poor condition and planting 5 additional mature trees
- a separated, two-way cycleway from the western end of Pyrmont Bridge, along the northern side of Union Street, to Union Square
- new bike parking near cafes and shops



joins map above



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- no car parking spaces lost
- existing street dining retained
- a cycle-safe intersection allowing bike riders to cross Murray Street and travel safely from Pyrmont Bridge into Union Street
- one permanent local traffic change with a new No Right Turn onto Murray Street south from Union Street (the right turn lane has to be removed so that the cycleway can fit onto the streetscape)
- two cycling head-start boxes which will provide bike riders increased visibility and an opportunity to remain ahead of vehicles at traffic lights (Murray Street North exit into Union Street/ Darling Drive and Murray Street South and the exit of Darling Drive to Murray Street North and South and Union Street)
- relocate car parking on the northern side between Union Square and Pyrmont Street to the southern side of Union Street.

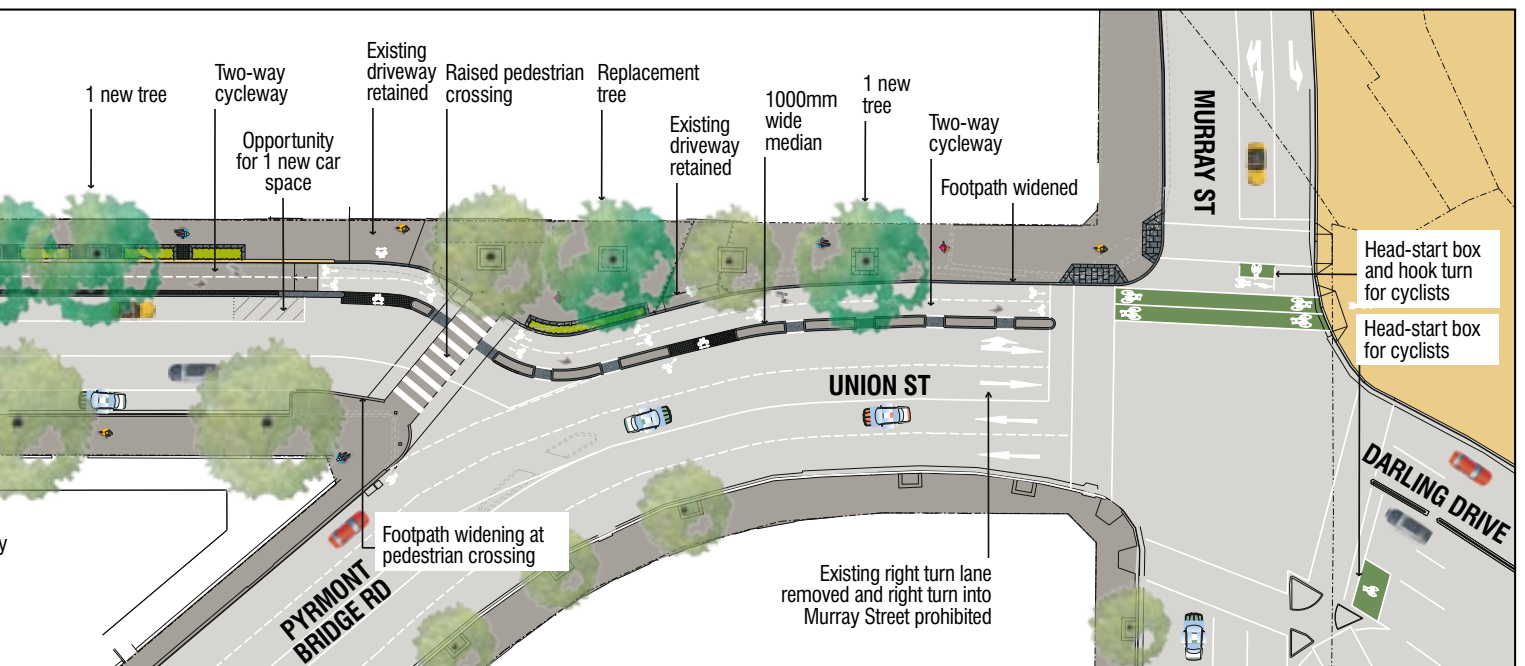
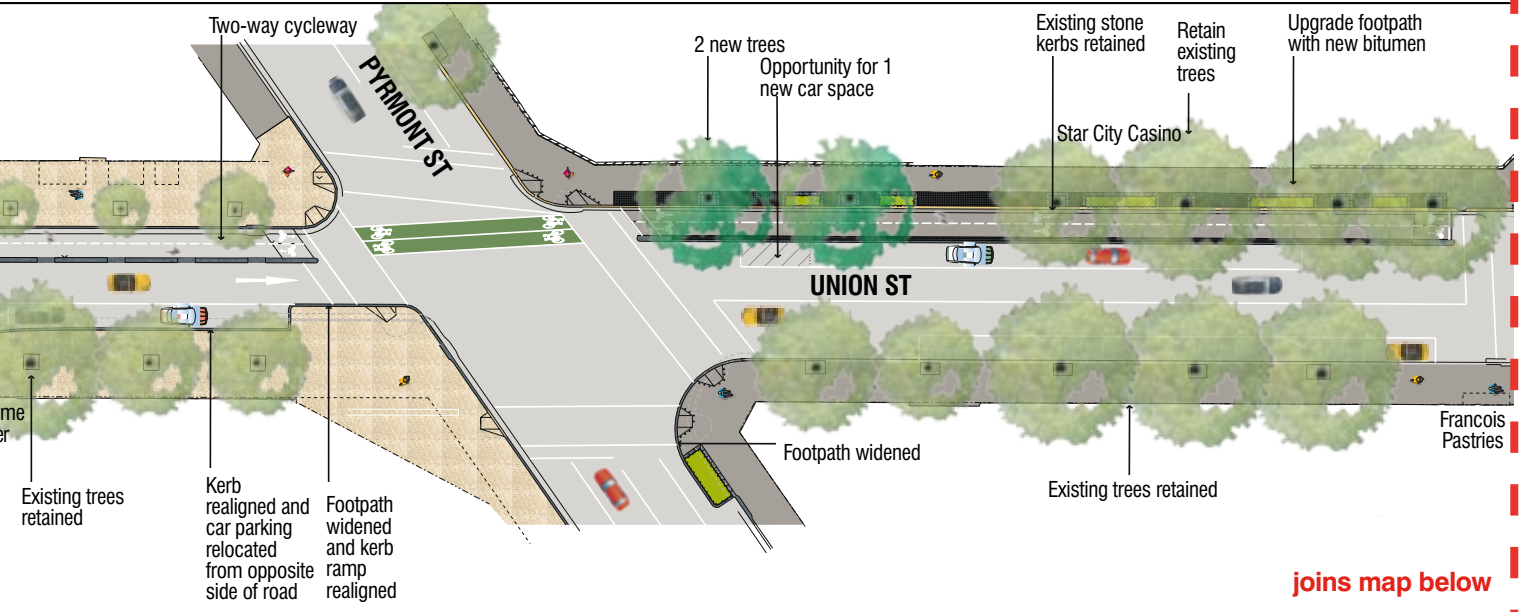
TREES

Five small trees in poor condition located between Edward Street and Murray Street will be replaced by five mature, healthy Golden Rain trees (in accordance with the City's Street Tree Master Plan).

CYCLING PLANS ACROSS SYDNEY

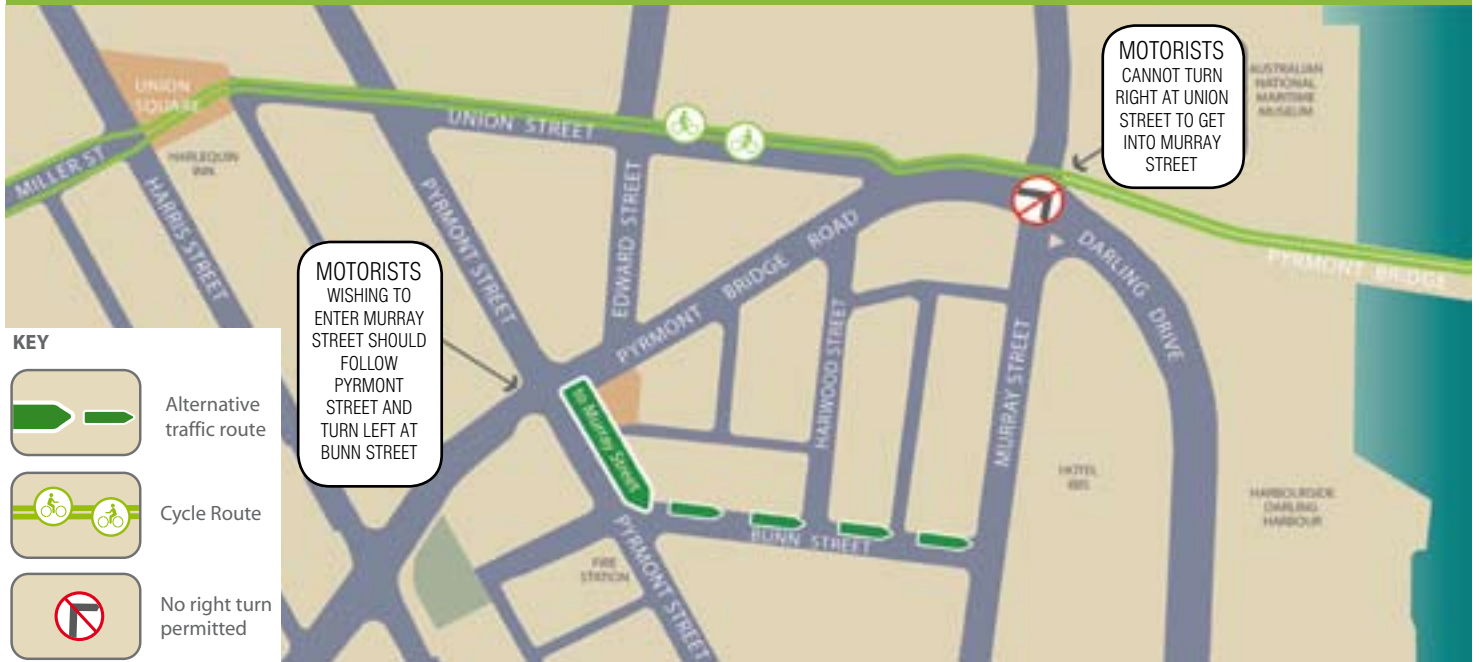
In major cities across the world, cycling is gaining in popularity as a healthy, environmentally friendly and mainstream transport option. Our City is also providing cycleways that are safe and convenient enough for everyone to use.

In April 2007 the City of Sydney adopted the Cycle Strategy and Action Plan 2007-2017. The strategy's aim is to increase cycling by 500 per cent in the city, by providing the infrastructure to make cycling a safe and attractive choice. The City will increase the cycling network by 200 kilometres. This includes 55 kilometres of separated cycle lanes and 145 kilometres of cycleways, dedicated cycle lanes and shared zones.



To accommodate the new cycleway, motorists travelling on Union Street will not be able to turn right to enter Murray Street. This is because the right turn lane on Union Street has to be removed so the new cycleway will fit onto the streetscape.

Motorists who wish to enter Murray Street will travel down Pyrmont Street and will enter via Bunn Street (see map below).



PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

There will be no loss of parking spaces. Car parking (for approximately 5 cars) at Union Square will be relocated from the northern side of Union Street to the southern side of Union Street. The southern kerb on Harris Street will be realigned to accommodate the relocation of the car parking spaces.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Community consultation

12 November - 3 December 2008

RTA approval finalised Late 2008

Report to Council Early 2009

Construction commences Mid 2009

SHARED PATH EDUCATION

The City of Sydney is working with cyclists to educate and promote consideration for pedestrians on shared paths. This includes slowing down, being considerate and responsible, ringing bells to warn of a cyclist advancing and giving way to pedestrians.

MORE INFORMATION

Feedback, comments and enquiries should be directed to:

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Feedback should be provided to the City by close of business 3 December 2008.

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EXHIBITION

The proposed designs for Pyrmont's cycling infrastructure will be on display from 12 November to 3 December.

You can see the designs at www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or view them at the following location:

One Stop Shop
Level 2, Town Hall House,
456 Kent Street, Sydney



Cyclists in Union Square