

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the current staging plan proposed?

The current staging plan for delivery has been proposed to minimise the disruption to commuters/vehicles using Hill Road.

Delivering the project in stages also allows Council to source funding over a period of time. We are currently in the process of seeking funding for Stages 1A and 1B. Stage 1C; the roundabout will be delivered by the developer Sekesui as part of their conditions of consent.

What is Council doing about the flooding?

City of Parramatta Council is well aware that Hill Road experiences frequent flooding. As part of the Hill Road Master Plan we have included appropriate drainage design, which forms a significant piece of infrastructure that is not necessarily visible but a vital component of the overall project; it is extremely important to get this part right to ensure that the road can function safely in times of significant rainfall.

Why did it take so long to get to this stage of the Master Plan?

In 2017, Council went out to the community to ask for their feedback on Hill Road. A survey and 5 focus groups were held with interested community members at the Newington Community Centre. The focus groups talked about topics such as vehicle safety, pedestrians and active transport, etc.

At approximately the same time it was announced that Light Rail would come to Wentworth Point and the route would likely follow the Hill Road corridor. No specific 'light rail' plans were shared with Council, so Council opted to wait until further information was obtained, so that we didn't create a design that would become redundant should light rail be confirmed.

Why is Council installing traffic lights and not a roundabout at the Hill Road and Bennelong Parkway intersection?

Due to the pedestrian and cyclist activity within the area on the existing shared path network, there is a need to cater for both pedestrians and cyclists in the design. Traffic signals are better in this situation as they give priority to the pedestrian and/or cyclists at specific intervals, increasing safety considerably. Additionally, pedestrian crossings cannot be installed in this location as some directions of traffic have more than one travel lane.

When will physical works start?

As mentioned, funding is currently being sought for Stage 1. The construction of the roundabout at Burroway Road is anticipated to commence in March 2021 and will be undertaken by the developer, Sekisui. We anticipate that the construction of the traffic control signals at Hill Road and Bennelong Parkway will follow should funding be secured. Timelines for construction will be updated as funding is secured.

Will the construction work block the road and disrupt traffic movement along Hill Road?

Construction will occur during the night as much as possible - with noise and dust mitigation plans in place - in an attempt to minimise disruptions to traffic using Hill Road (which is the only entry and exit point for the suburb of Wentworth Point).

Where that is not possible, Council will utilise traffic management contractors to direct vehicles around the construction work as safely and as quickly as possible.

Despite Council's best efforts, there will be some changes to traffic conditions, and there will be an increase in noise and dust during the various construction stages. We ask for your patience and understanding as we attempt to increase the long-term safety and amenity of Hill Road.

How can I have my say?

Council now inviting feedback on the draft Hill Road Master Plan. **We highly recommend reviewing the draft Master Plan document before providing feedback.**

Have your say by completing the online form on the project page which includes the option to upload documents, PDF's or images to support your submission.

Other ways to make a submission include:

Email:

Written comments can be emailed to
placeservices@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Submission on draft Hill Road Master Plan

Post:

City of Parramatta Council
Attention: Place Services team
Subject: Submission on draft Hill Road Master Plan
PO Box 32, Parramatta NSW 2124

Please ensure that you clearly state your position (support/oppose) on the submission, your full name, contact details and address.

If you need assistance preparing a submission, please contact the Community Engagement Team via 1300 617 058 or participate@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au.