

Sydney Gateway

Temporary out-of-hours closure of pedestrian and cycle path
March - June 2023



Sydney Gateway will provide a new, toll-free connection from St Peters Interchange to improve journey times to Sydney Airport, the M5 and Eastern Distributor.

Between March and June 2023, the Sydney Gateway Project will be doing out-of-hours work that requires us to close the new section of the pedestrian cycle path next to Alexandra Canal between Tempe Reserve and Coward Street for several nights. This work includes installing bridge girders above the pathway. Some of the bridge girders are more than 90 metres long and weigh nearly 600 tonnes. For safety reasons, the path cannot be kept open when these girders are being moved onto the bridges and when large cranes are operating.



Figure 1: Map showing shuttle bus route.

What to expect

To ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists during bridge construction works, the pedestrian cycle path between Tempe Reserve and Coward Street will be closed to public access. To minimise disruption to path users, this work will be done at night when Sydney Gateway traffic counts show only between 10-25 people use the path.

The pedestrian and cycle path is due to be closed between Coward Street and Tempe Recreation Reserve between **7:00pm-7:00am** on: **29 March, 12 April, 16 May, and 26 May**. Large electronic signs will be installed on the path to confirm the closure nights 10 days in advance of each closure.

How will you reduce impacts to my journey?

A free, on-demand bus will be available for pedestrians and cyclists during the path closures to shuttle them between Tempe Recreation Reserve (near the Tempe Reserve side of Billy's Bridge) and Coward Street and vice versa. The map in Figure 1 shows the location of the shuttle bus stops. The shuttle bus is a low floor vehicle, similar to public buses, which allows cyclists to carry their bicycles onto the bus and to sit with them during the trip.

During this activity, traffic controllers will be stationed at the bus stop drop off/pick up locations in Tempe Recreation Reserve and Coward Street. They will assist pedestrians and cyclists to board the bus with their bicycles.

We advise pedestrians and cyclists to allow extra travel time during these path closures or to make alternative travel arrangements. We estimate the bus will add approximately 20 minutes additional travel time to complete a round trip between Tempe Reserve and Coward Street. Alternatively, path users may take the alternative route via Princes Highway and Canal Road, which takes approximately 60 minutes to walk.

Looking ahead

The pedestrian and cycle path may be narrowed between Billy's Bridge and east of Nigel Love bridge between **Monday 20 and Friday 25 March**. This is to allow a structure to be built over the path that will protect it during the launch of the Twin Arch Bridges over the Alexandra Canal at Tempe. Traffic control will manage the narrowed path with a stop-go whilst this activity is underway. Please allow extra travel time and follow the directions of traffic controllers during this work.

Additional temporary closures of sections of the pedestrian and cycle path will be needed due to activities associated with the completion of Sydney Gateway until it opens in 2024. We will continue to do everything we can to minimise the number of closures and notify stakeholders in advance of them occurring.

Please visit the project's interactive portal at nswroads.work/SydneyGateway for the latest updates on work happening on the project.

Thank you for your patience as we complete work on the Sydney Gateway project.

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