

Light Rail fact sheet

Randwick City Council, the University of NSW, the Australian Turf Club, the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust, the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust, and the City of Sydney support light rail. Integrated high capacity transport for Randwick City will drive a more diverse, competitive and sustainable economy that generates substantial and lasting economic, social and environmental benefits. This is consistent with State Government directions for transport improvements for Sydney.

Employment

Light rail to Randwick City would generate significant direct and indirect employment benefits. It will:

- Create 500 - 700 direct jobs from construction of light rail
- Support growth of over 4000 jobs in education, research and health in the Randwick Education and Health Specialised Centre
- Support ongoing success and growth of Sydney-wide event destinations including Randwick Racecourse
- Create jobs to meet additional demands for student and key worker housing, shops, services and related businesses, and provide the opportunity for Transit-Oriented-Development at key stations and interchanges

Key Drivers

The Randwick - Anzac Parade transport corridor supports the highest concentration of employment, education, health, event and recreation destinations in Sydney, with peak travel demand in both directions between CBD and Randwick.

- This location generates over 25 million trips per year - regular commuting trips for work or study, as well as trips to events and major recreation attractions for people across Sydney.
- Over 50,000 trips per day are made to the Randwick Education and Health Specialised Centre
- Over 11,000 residents in Randwick City commute to central Sydney for work every day

Issues

Public transport to these destinations is provided only by buses. Bus transport cannot meet current and future demand

- The University of NSW is the only university in Sydney without a rail connection. It needs rail to provide equitable access for students from across Sydney.
- Growth in major events will continue to be constrained without light rail, a convenience enjoyed by other premium event destinations nationally
- An estimated 50% increase in public transport capacity is needed by 2021 to meet state government public transport mode share targets

Opportunities

Recent agreements exist between Randwick City Council, University of NSW, Australian Turf Club, South East Sydney Local Health Network, Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust to work together to promote rail transport to Randwick City.

- Integrated approach including opportunities for Transit-Oriented-Development
- Bring students and key workers closer to their place of study and work
- Support major events and improve links between nearby growth areas and open space destinations

