

Sydney Gateway FAQ's for SYD

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1. About Sydney Gateway

1.1 What is the Sydney Gateway project?

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

1.2 What are the key features of Sydney Gateway?

Sydney Gateway includes more than five kilometres of new roads, including 19 new bridge connections around Tempe and Mascot.

Connection to International Terminal, two Twin Arch Bridges have been built over Alexander Canal, the two bridges together are wider than the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

New elevated road or 'Flyover' will separate vehicles travelling to the Domestic Terminals from traffic heading towards Port Botany and the Eastern Distributor. The 800-metre-long Flyover will allow motorists to travel from St Peters Interchange to the Domestic Terminals without stopping at a single traffic light.

Over three kilometres of **pedestrian and cycling connections** near Tempe and Mascot.

Widening of Qantas Drive from two to three-lanes in each direction to improve journeys.

Aboriginal Design and themes have been brought into multiple elements across the project. This includes designs on the project's retaining walls, underpasses, along the full length of the Flyover and on our two mounds. The design concepts can be found in the project's [Place, Design and Landscape Plan](#).

1.3 What are some of the benefits of Sydney Gateway?

Sydney Gateway has supported close to **7,000 jobs** through the duration of the project.

The project has reached its **Aboriginal Participation in Construction (APIC) spend of \$22 million**, over a year before project completion, providing employment opportunities for 200 Aboriginal employees and 32 Aboriginal owned businesses.

When complete, Sydney Gateway will have capacity for **100,000 vehicles** per-day. It will also have capacity for **10,000 trucks** per-day, giving local roads back to the community.

Sydney Gateway will also **revitalise the Airport Precinct** for visitors coming to Sydney, providing new landscapes and landmarks visible from the land and sky.

2. Project background

2.1 How much does the project cost?

The project is expected to cost \$2.6 billion.

2.2 When did construction start?

Work on the project began in 2021.

2.3 Who built the new road?

A joint venture between John Holland and Seymour Whyte was appointed Principal Contractor in 2020.

2.4 Is there a toll to use Sydney Gateway?

There is no toll on Sydney Gateway between St Peter's Interchange and the Domestic and International Terminals.

Motorists coming from St Peters Interchange and the WestConnex network will pay a toll for travel on WestConnex.

You can learn more about tolls to access the WestConnex network [here](#)

2.5 When will Sydney Gateway open?

Sydney Gateway will be complete by the end of 2024, on time and on budget.

There will be four key traffic switches leading up to project completion. These will happen progressively from late 2023. Learn more on the project's interactive portal - nswroads.work/sydneygatewaytrafficswitches

3. Traffic switches

3.1 What traffic switches are happening in the lead-up to the opening of Sydney Gateway and when will they happen?

There are four key traffic switches, including:

- TBC 12 November 2023 – The new 800-metre-long Flyover will open to traffic and vehicles travelling to the Domestic Terminals from Qantas Drive will be directed onto the new elevated road. The existing right turn from Qantas Drive onto Sir Reginald Ansett Drive will be removed.

- TBC 19 November 2023 – Traffic travelling eastbound on Airport Drive will be directed onto the first Twin Arch Bridge over Alexandra Canal. At this stage, eastbound traffic will be directed off the existing Airport Drive.
- TBC 2024 – Qantas Drive will be widened from two to three lanes in each direction. Traffic will also be directed over the second Twin Arch Bridge and the existing Airport Drive will close.
- TBC 2024 – Sydney Gateway will be fully integrated with the wider Sydney motorway network and will be connected to St Peters Interchange. The project would have also completed over three kilometres of new pedestrian and cycle paths.

Subscribe to project updates to stay up to date on upcoming traffic switches as part of the project, or visit the project’s interactive portal to learn more nswroads.work/sydneygatewaytrafficswitches.

4. Driving on Sydney Gateway once complete

4.1 Can motorists access Sydney Airport without using Sydney Gateway?

Access into the International Terminal from Marsh Street, Arncliffe, will remain the same.

Access to the Domestic Terminals from O’Riordan Street and Joyce Drive will remain the same.

All other access will be via Sydney Gateway.

5. Entering and exiting the Sydney Airport Terminals

5.1 Will Sydney Gateway change how I enter and leave the International Terminal?

Sydney Gateway will not change how you enter and exit the International Terminal.

Access from Marsh Street over Giovanni Brunetti Bridge to the International Terminal will remain the same.

If you are travelling from the Domestic Terminals, you will continue to use the existing Airport Drive. Next year, Airport Drive will close and you will use the second Twin Arch Bridge to travel to the International Terminal.

5.2 Will Sydney Gateway change how I enter and leave the Domestic Terminals?

From 12 November 2023, if you are travelling east on Qantas Drive, you will access the Domestic Terminals using the new Flyover. The right turn from Qantas Drive to Sir Reginald Ansett Drive will not be permitted when the Flyover opens.

How you enter the Domestic Terminals from O’Riordan Street or Joyce Drive will not change.

Sydney Gateway will not change how you exit the Domestic Terminals.

5.3 What happens if I’m on Qantas Drive trying to access the Domestic Terminals and I miss the Flyover?

There will continue to be multiple ways to access the Domestic Terminals. If you miss the Flyover entrance you can turn left at Robey Street, right onto O’Riordan and enter the Domestic Terminals via Sir Reginald Ansett Drive.

Alternatively, you can continue along Qantas Drive, onto Joyce Drive and turn right at the lights onto Ross Smith Avenue.

5.4 Will traffic near the Domestic Terminals improve as a result of the Flyover opening?

Once the Flyover is open, we expect improvements to the surrounding intersections near the Domestic Terminals. Some of the improvements and other road enhancements include:

- A decrease in traffic queuing at the Qantas, O’Riordan, Joyce and Sir Reginald Ansett Drive intersection as a result of traffic using the Flyover.
- Sydney Gateway is adding an extra turning lane to the Qantas Drive, Robey Street intersection, increasing it from two to three lanes. This added lane will mean less queuing at this intersection and improved efficiencies for road users.

5.5 How will I access the International Terminal as a pedestrian or cyclist once Sydney Gateway opens?

There is no change to how pedestrians and cyclists access the International Terminal once Sydney Gateway opens. All pedestrian and cyclist paths within the Terminals are managed and owned by Sydney Airport.

Sydney Gateway has constructed a new pedestrian cycleway which links the International and Domestic Terminals.

5.6 How will I access the Domestic Terminals as a pedestrian or cyclist once Sydney Gateway opens?

The new dedicated path for pedestrians and cyclists constructed by Sydney Gateway links to the existing footpath along the eastern side of Alexandra Canal.

The pathways to the Domestic Terminals from Mascot station and the east remain unchanged.

Visit the projects interactive portal to learn more about the pedestrian and cyclist paths being delivered by Sydney Gateway – nswroads.works/SydneyGateway

5.7 How will I access the carparks at the Sydney Airport Terminals?

Traffic travelling east on Qantas Drive will access the Domestic Terminal carparks via the new flyover.

All other access to carparks for the Domestic and International Terminals remains unchanged.

For more information, or updates please contact Sydney Airport on 133 793

5.8 Will traffic entering the Domestic Terminals via the viaduct merge with traffic entering from the south and east once they enter the Domestic Terminals?

Traffic entering the Domestic Terminals from the Flyover will merge with traffic from O’Riordan Street and Joyce Drive near the P3 carpark. For more information visit the Sydney Gateway interactive portal.

5.9 Will Sydney Gateway change the lane configurations within the Sydney Airport Terminals?

Sydney Airport owns and manages all roads within the Terminals. To learn more about how to move within the Terminals, contact Sydney Airport on 133 793.

6. Sydney Gateway after completion

6.1 There is vacant land near Sydney Airport along Sydney Gateway - What happens to this vacant land?

Sydney Airport owns this land and will decide how to use it.

6.2 What happens to the section of Airport Drive that is closed to traffic (near the international terminal)?

Once Sydney Gateway is complete the section of Sydney Airport Drive that is no longer in use will be handed back to Sydney Airport who will be responsible for this section of land.