

Western Harbour Tunnel

Rebuilding NSW

Congestion targeted with plans for a new Sydney Harbour crossing

In 1932, Bradfield's vision for the Sydney's first harbour crossing, the Sydney Harbour Bridge, transformed the city and the way people move by train and car between north and south.

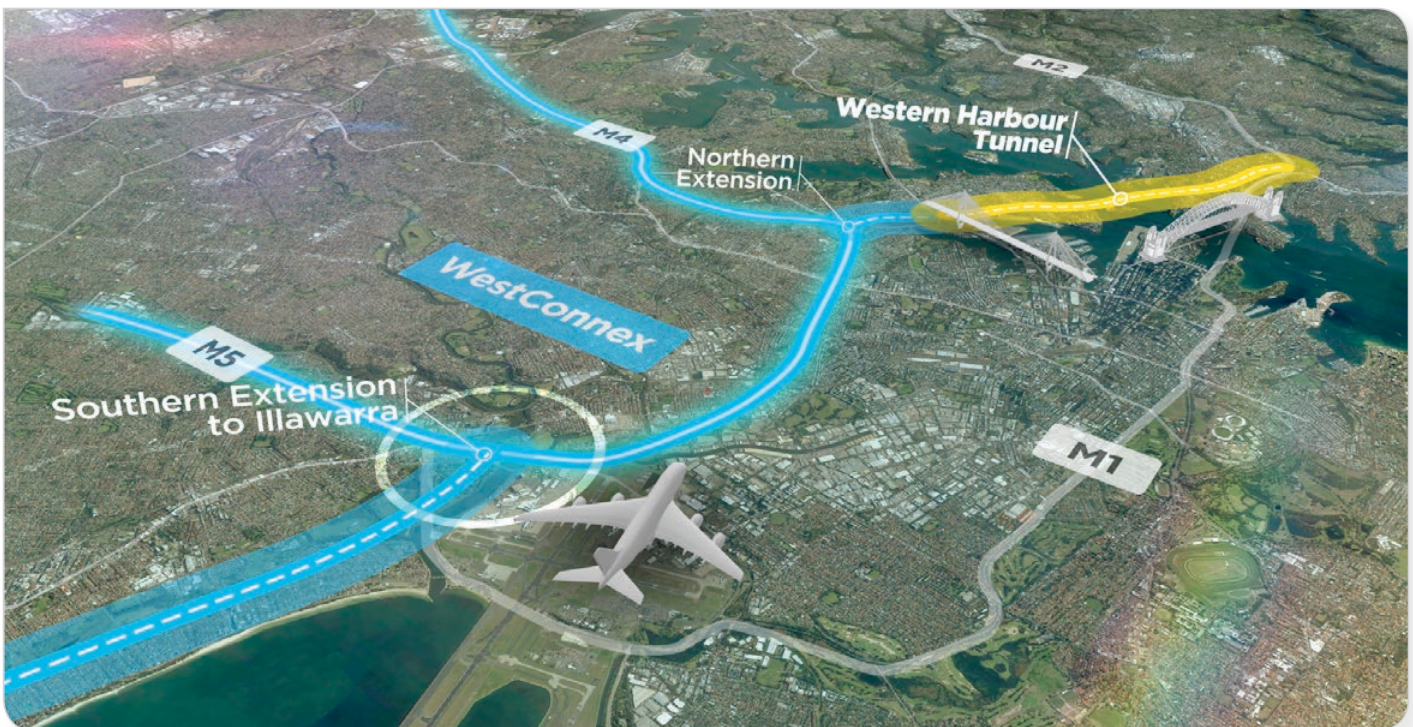
The Sydney Harbour Tunnel – the second crossing – was completed in the 1990s. Plans for a third crossing, the Sydney Rapid Transit Tunnel exclusively for trains, are already underway.

Now, to control congestion and keep people moving in anticipation of Sydney's growing population, a bold plan for a fourth transformational north-south harbour crossing is underway.

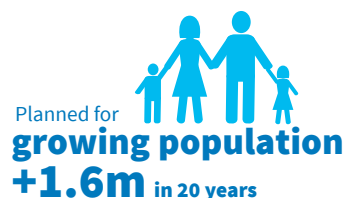
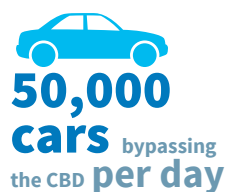
What the Western Harbour Tunnel will mean for Sydney

The new Western Harbour Tunnel will take pressure off the Harbour Bridge, the Anzac Bridge and the Eastern Distributor. It will give road users a new route from Rozelle (currently proposed from Rail Yards) in the west to growing employment hubs in the north and north west. It will complement and strengthen the benefits of the WestConnex motorway by connecting directly with Sydney's northern suburbs.

Motorists will be able to effectively bypass the CBD and urban congestion, reducing travel times and freeing public transport to operate more efficiently for commuters.



Proposed Western Harbour Tunnel and its motorway connections



Why do we need the Western Harbour Tunnel now?

Currently, 80 per cent of all trips across the Parramatta River and Sydney Harbour use either the Sydney Harbour Bridge (55 per cent) or the Sydney Harbour Tunnel (25 per cent). Already congested, and with Sydney's population forecast to grow by a further 1.6 million over the next 20 years, these two routes will not be enough.

One of the goals of the NSW Long Term Master Plan in December 2012 was to build the 'missing links' in Sydney's motorway network, which cause bottlenecks, low travel speeds and unreliable travel times. By taking this opportunity to bypass the CBD and addressing major missing links, the Western Harbour Tunnel will simultaneously transform our road infrastructure and fulfil a promise.



Proposed Western Harbour Tunnel

How NSW will benefit

- The community can look forward to environment and health benefits due to **reduced noise and emissions**.
- Road users can expect **improved travel times, less fuel consumption** and **reduced congestion**.
- Public transport users can expect **faster travel times**.
- Greater areas will be accessible for **population and employment growth** and **urban renewal**.

Part of Rebuilding NSW

Rebuilding NSW is an ambitious long-term plan to improve the lives of people through transformational projects across our great state. It is proposed that \$20 billion from the sale of electricity assets will be invested in areas including integrated transport, health and education. Filling the gaps in our state's transport infrastructure is an important part of the big picture. The benefits will be powerful and far reaching.



Far-reaching Rebuilding NSW projects

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