

## Next steps

Feedback received during the public display period will help ensure potential impacts and issues are considered. The feedback will also help Transport for NSW prepare plans for managing impacts during construction and operation of the project.

The project team will be actively engaging with the community and stakeholders throughout the project. Activities will include one-on-one meetings, public displays, and information sessions.

The project team is available to hear your views, answer questions and discuss the project at any time on **1800 684 490** or via email at **projects@transport.nsw.gov.au**.

Subject to planning approval and further consultation with the community and stakeholders, early work to enable demolition and construction is expected to commence from late 2017.

Complete preliminary investigations and field work

Undertake environmental assessment and prepare REF and concept design

REF exhibited for community comment

Transport for NSW considers submissions

Project determination

Proceed to detailed design, construction and operation (if approved)

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# Newcastle Bus Interchange Review of Environmental Factors

The NSW Government has committed more than \$500 million to revitalise Newcastle's city centre, through the Revitalising Newcastle program.

## Overview

Revitalising Newcastle aims to bring people back to the city centre by strengthening connections between the city and the waterfront, creating job opportunities, providing more public places and spaces, and delivering better transport solutions.

In early 2014 the NSW Government announced plans to build Newcastle Interchange at Wickham, west of Stewart Avenue.

The fully-accessible interchange will enable customers to easily connect with trains, light rail, buses, taxis and cars. Newcastle Interchange was approved in late 2014 and is currently under construction.

Newcastle Interchange will open to the public in late 2017.

## The proposal

Transport for NSW is seeking to create a bus interchange on the site of the former Newcastle Co-Operative Store (the Store), adjacent to Newcastle Interchange.

The proposal will provide improved connectivity between heavy rail, light rail, bus platforms and pedestrian access between the station concourse, the bus interchange, and Hunter Street and Stewart Avenue.

The Store site is identified as an opportunity site for unique development in the Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy 2012. Newcastle West was identified in the strategy as the long term commercial core of the city, with the new transport interchange to support the precinct's overall development.

The proposal aims to deliver an outcome that meets the needs of transport customers and the wider community whilst supporting the ongoing revitalisation of the city centre.

In September 2015, UrbanGrowth NSW acquired the Store site with a view to realising its transport and development potential. Any future development would be the subject of a separate planning approval process.

## The key features of the proposal include:

- › A new bus interchange in Newcastle West.
- › Multimodal access (pedestrian, cycle, bus, taxi, kiss and ride).
- › Improved high quality public domain, pedestrian access and roads.
- › Demolition of the Store buildings and associated car park.

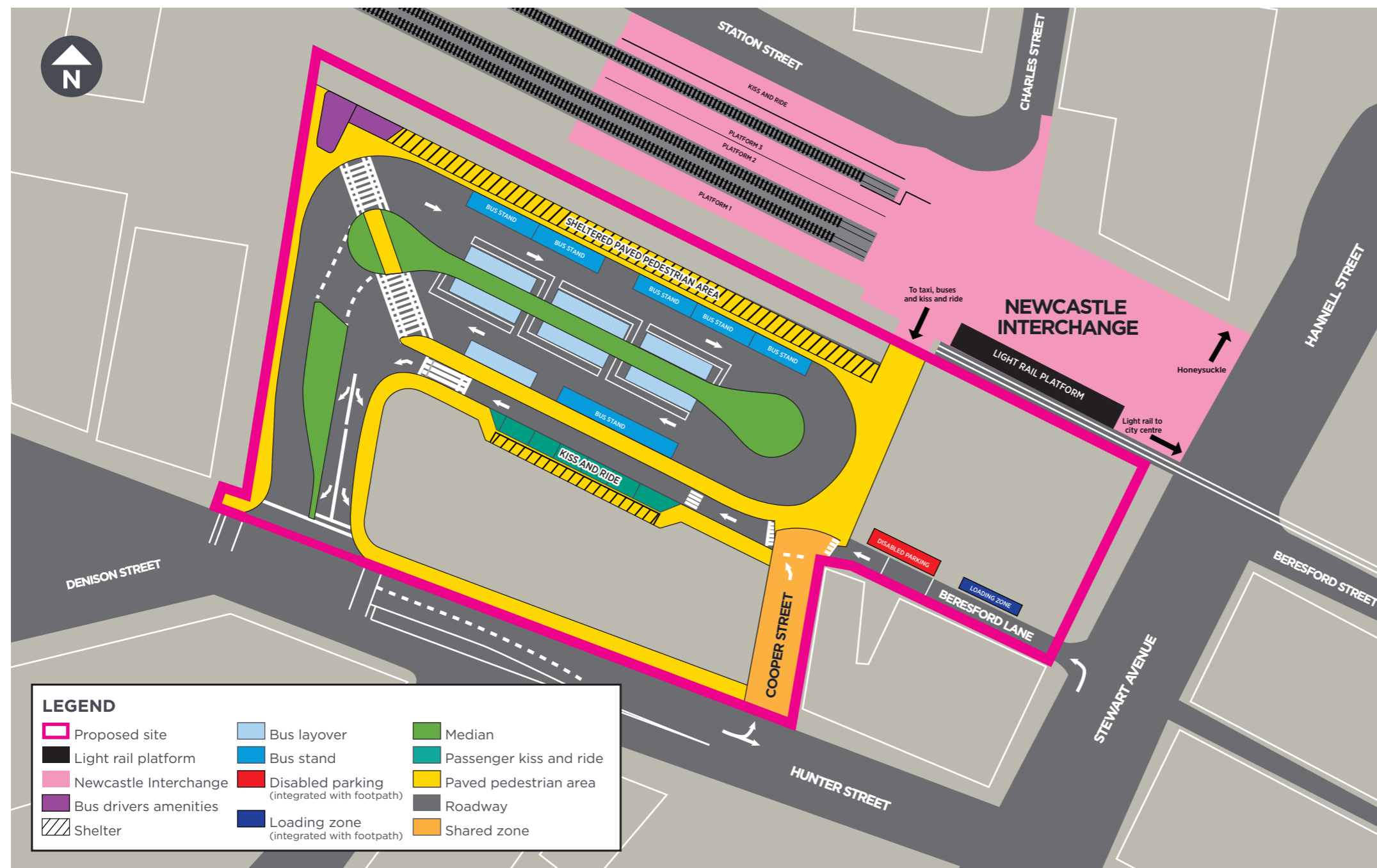


Figure: Key features of the proposal

## Review of Environmental Factors - have your say

A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been prepared to provide information about the Newcastle Bus Interchange and to assess potential environmental impacts during construction and operation of the project.

The REF is available to view from **24 July to 18 August 2017** and community feedback on the proposal is invited during this time.

You can view the REF at one of the following locations or at [revitalisingnewcastle.com.au](http://revitalisingnewcastle.com.au):

- › **Newcastle City Branch Library**  
Ground Floor, Laman Street, Newcastle
- › **Newcastle City Administration Centre**  
282 King Street, Newcastle
- › **Transport for NSW**  
Ground Floor, 239 King Street, Newcastle
- › **Transport for NSW**  
Level 5, 821 Pacific Highway, Chatswood.

The NSW Government is committed to engaging with the local community throughout the life of the project. We want to ensure the project benefits from your input. A number of community information sessions will be held during the public display of the REF.

If you would like to speak with the project team and provide your feedback on the project you can attend one of the drop-in community information sessions:

- › **Saturday 29 July 12 - 2pm**  
Newcastle Museum (Theatrette)
- › **Tuesday 1 August 5:30 - 7:30pm**  
Newcastle City Hall (Mulubinba Room)
- › **Wednesday 2 August 5:30 - 7:30pm**  
Newcastle City Hall (Mulubinba Room)

Feedback on the project can also be given by:

- › visiting [revitalisingnewcastle.com.au](http://revitalisingnewcastle.com.au)
- › emailing [projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au)
- › visiting [haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au](http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au)
- › writing to **Newcastle Bus Interchange, PO Box 2324 Dangar NSW 2309**

**All submissions must be received by 18 August 2017.**