

Introduction

The CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR) is an infrastructure project that will transform Sydney. It will provide a fast, reliable public transport service from Circular Quay to Kingsford and Randwick via Surry Hills, Moore Park and Kensington.

The Sydney Light Rail (SLR) Community Forums are being established to provide local communities with an opportunity through which they can be kept up-to-date about the project, raise issues and propose solutions during the construction of the CSELR.

The Community Forums will be consultative groups and will not be decision making bodies. It is not a requirement that consensus always be reached among members on issues discussed.

The Community Forums may make recommendations to the Community Reference Group. Recommendations from the Community Reference Group may be put to the project director and Advisory Board. The Board report to the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads and Ports.

It is intended that the Community Forums will run until the completion of construction of the CSELR.

Objectives

The objectives of the Community Forums are to provide forums through which:

- Transport for NSW and its contractors can provide information on the project, timings of construction and impacts to local communities affected by the construction of the project.
- Local communities can provide local knowledge and understanding of the needs of their area that will help support them through the construction period.
- Local communities can make recommendations to the Community Reference Group.
- Members can provide input into a community engagement strategy to be implemented during construction.
- Dialogue between Transport for NSW and the local community is encouraged and supported.

Membership

- The Community Forums will draw members from those living along the alignment and in the proximity of the light rail route and from local community groups.
- There will be four Community Forums: CBD; Surry Hills and Moore Park; Randwick; and Kingsford and Kensington.
- All members will be expected to comply with the Terms of Reference.
- All members are requested to complete a Nomination Form to nominate their local forum and confirm their participation.
- All members will be asked to perform as a conduit for their local community, i.e. feed information back to their communities and community groups and provide Transport for NSW with input from the local communities.

Operation

The Community Forums will operate in the following way:

- The Chair will be independent.
- Transport for NSW will be the secretariat.
- Where a response cannot be given at a meeting, questions shall be taken on notice and a reply provided subsequent to the session.
- No member shall make public statements purporting to represent the views of a Community Forum. This includes comments to media, social media and published comments to third parties without approval of the Chair.
- All members shall show respect towards each other, the Chair and the project team.
- The Chair has the ability to eject members from the forum if they are disruptive and disrespectful of others who attend the forums.
- The Community Forums will not be decision-making forums.
- Each Community Forum will be asked to nominate two of its members to become members of the Community Reference Group. In turn these members will represent the views of their local Community Forum at the Community Reference Group.
- The Community Forums may make recommendations on the delivery of the project to the Chair, who in turn will discuss these recommendations with the project team and/or Chair of the Community Reference Group.
- Representatives of the Community Forums on the Community Reference Group may change with the agreement of forum members and the Chair.
- Out of session enquiries can be directed to the secretariat of the Community Forums.
- Members are not permitted to record the forum using electronic devices.

Meetings

- The Community Forums will meet quarterly per year, or as otherwise required by the Chair in response to project timing.
- The Community Reference Group will meet quarterly per year, or as otherwise required by the Chair.
- Agendas will be issued one week before each meeting.
- Minutes will be circulated within one week of each meeting.
- All recommendations of the forum will be communicated to the Community Reference Group Chair.

Transport for NSW Duties

Transport for NSW's role in the Community Forums is to:

- Provide updated information on the development and delivery of the project.
- Facilitate the collection of feedback and questions, and the provision of responses.
- Produce the community engagement strategy, in conjunction with the Operating Company.
- Provide secretariat and meeting requirements.