

TRAFFIC, ACCESS AND MOVEMENT

The renewal of the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct seeks to promote walking and cycling and encourage increased use of public transport.

Transport connections

A Green Travel Plan has been prepared as part of the Stage 2 SSSA requirements. The plan outlines actions to support a range of alternatives to vehicle use including: increased walking, running and cycling, increased awareness and use of public transport, and increased use of taxis and car share schemes.

Improved access to the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct will be supported by a wide range of important transport initiatives such as the proposed Barangaroo metro station and bus routes. Three new taxi ranks are also being considered in close proximity to the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct.

Traffic and parking

A Traffic Impact Assessment has been prepared as part of the EIS. It is expected that redevelopment of the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct would generate up to 118 vehicle movements per hour during peak periods, as part of the day to day operation of the site. This includes trips generated through taxis, loading vehicles, and private vehicles. The additional traffic generated by the proposal is not expected to compromise the safety or function of the surrounding road network.

Onsite parking is not proposed as part of the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct. However, three car parks are located in close proximity – adjacent to the Roslyn Packer Theatre, on Hickson Road south of Pier 8, and at the Cutaway located under the Headland Park.

An Event Transport Management Plan has been prepared to effectively manage traffic and pedestrian movements in the area during major events within the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct. A Construction Pedestrian and Traffic Management Plan has also been prepared to address the potential impacts of construction vehicles during the construction phase for the precinct.

