



Snapshot: Draft Northern Beaches Public Space Vision & Design Guidelines

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No two streets are the same. Roads can be vibrant locations for people, neighbourhoods and the community. They are also integral to helping us move around and the backbone of public space, often accounting for a quarter or more of our cities and neighbourhoods' total land area.

Our vision for the future of our streets

Streets are appreciated and designed for people, as much as for cars, and the unique bush, beach, and water characteristics intrinsic to Northern Beaches.

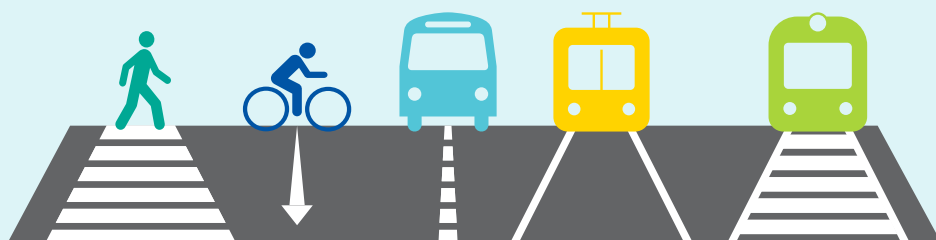
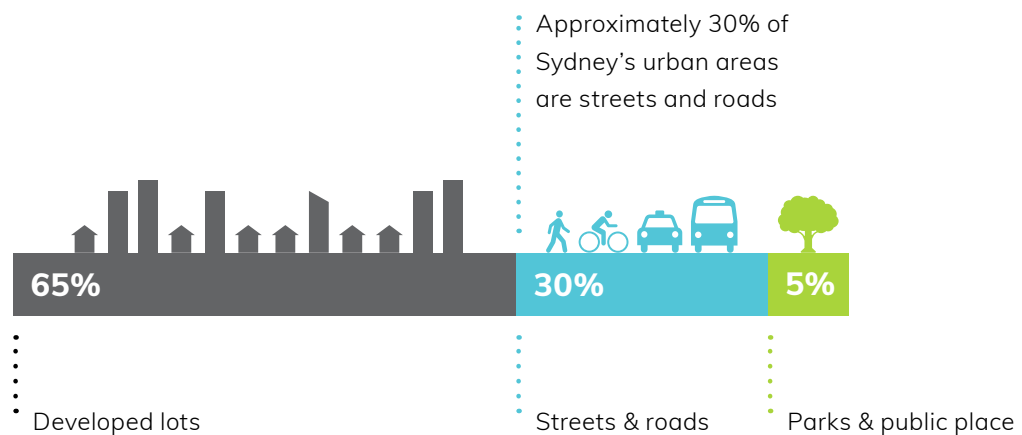
Trees and water sensitive urban design initiatives are prioritised, positively influencing green and blue grids, and building resilience to climate change.

People on foot, bikes, and cars feel safe and comfortable in our streets, and they provide generous space for cyclists and neighbours to socialise under shady trees.

Purpose

These guidelines set out to:







- bring consistency and standardisation to projects across the area
- allow us to embrace the unique features and characteristics of our places
- support environmental, social, and health outcomes through the introduction of best practice street design and material selection
- unify and consolidate public domain policy documents from three former council areas.



Objectives

Council is aiming to meet the community's priorities as well as state government public domain targets and the Premier's Priorities. We have developed a set of design objectives that will deliver positive outcomes for our streets, the community, and future.

Priorities for local streets

Design objectives	What does this mean for streets?
 <p>Enhance and protect the bush, beach and water character</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials respond to character palettes and suitable to street type
 <p>Encourage social activation through street design</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous tree planting frames the streetscape and makes a comfortable place for residents to use
 <p>Inspiring healthy & active lifestyles through safe and inclusive footpath and cycleway networks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is at least one footpath on the street Safe on road cycling
 <p>Implement traffic calming interventions creating safe environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planted blisters Trees in verge and carrigeway between parking bays
 <p>Intergrate water sensitive urban design into streets and open spaces</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree pits with slotted kerbs for low-flow runoff passive irrigation to street trees and planting High area of permeable surfaces (turf and mass planting)
 <p>Increase tree canopy cover on streets</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees positioned at 10m centres to provide shade to pedestrian path and to reduce heat from road surface

Character areas

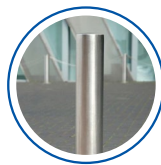
We have developed a palette of materials suitable to each of the four character areas – Beach, Urban, Bush and Waterfront. We will use these palettes to create and build public spaces, sharing consistency in materials while recognising our places' unique aspects.

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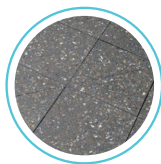
Beach

- Warm sandy tones to paving complement the coastal context
- Appropriate material selection for harsh exposed coastal environments
- High quality materials in prominent areas with high visitation
- Street trees and planting that are hardy to coastal environments and reinforce the local coastal character



Urban

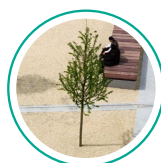
- Grey tones to complement existing urban palette
- Durable and sustainable materials for these high pedestrian use urban areas
- High quality materials appropriate for main employment and retail zones
- Street trees and planting that are appropriate in scale and hardiness for installation within constrained urban conditions (paved footpath areas/adjacent awnings etc)





Bush

- Warm browns and natural textures to complement the bushland environment
- Durable and low maintenance material selection for bushland locations
- High quality materials for town and retail centres with high visitation
- Street trees and planting that are predominantly endemic species, reinforce local bush character and expand biodiversity



Waterfront

- Warm sandy tones to paving complement the coastal context
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