

# Parramatta – Macquarie Transitway

## Introduction

BusNSW is proposing a bus rapid transit link between Parramatta and Macquarie as a viable alternative to the Parramatta - Epping rail line. At a fraction of the cost of the rail line, the Transitway, utilising a combination of on-road bus lanes and dedicated busway, will link 85,000 jobs along the corridor and provide direct access to both University of Western Sydney and Macquarie University. If implemented, this solution would free up federal funds to fast track the North West Rail Link.

## Background

The federal government has committed \$2b to the construction of the Parramatta - Epping rail line with the state government contributing \$500m. The state government has told the federal government that the priority project is the north-west rail link and that the \$2b should be transferred to that project. BusNSW believes that a Transitway between Parramatta and Macquarie would delay by years the need to build the Parramatta - Epping rail line. This would allow funds marked for the Parramatta - Epping rail line to be directed to the North West Rail Link.

## Benefits

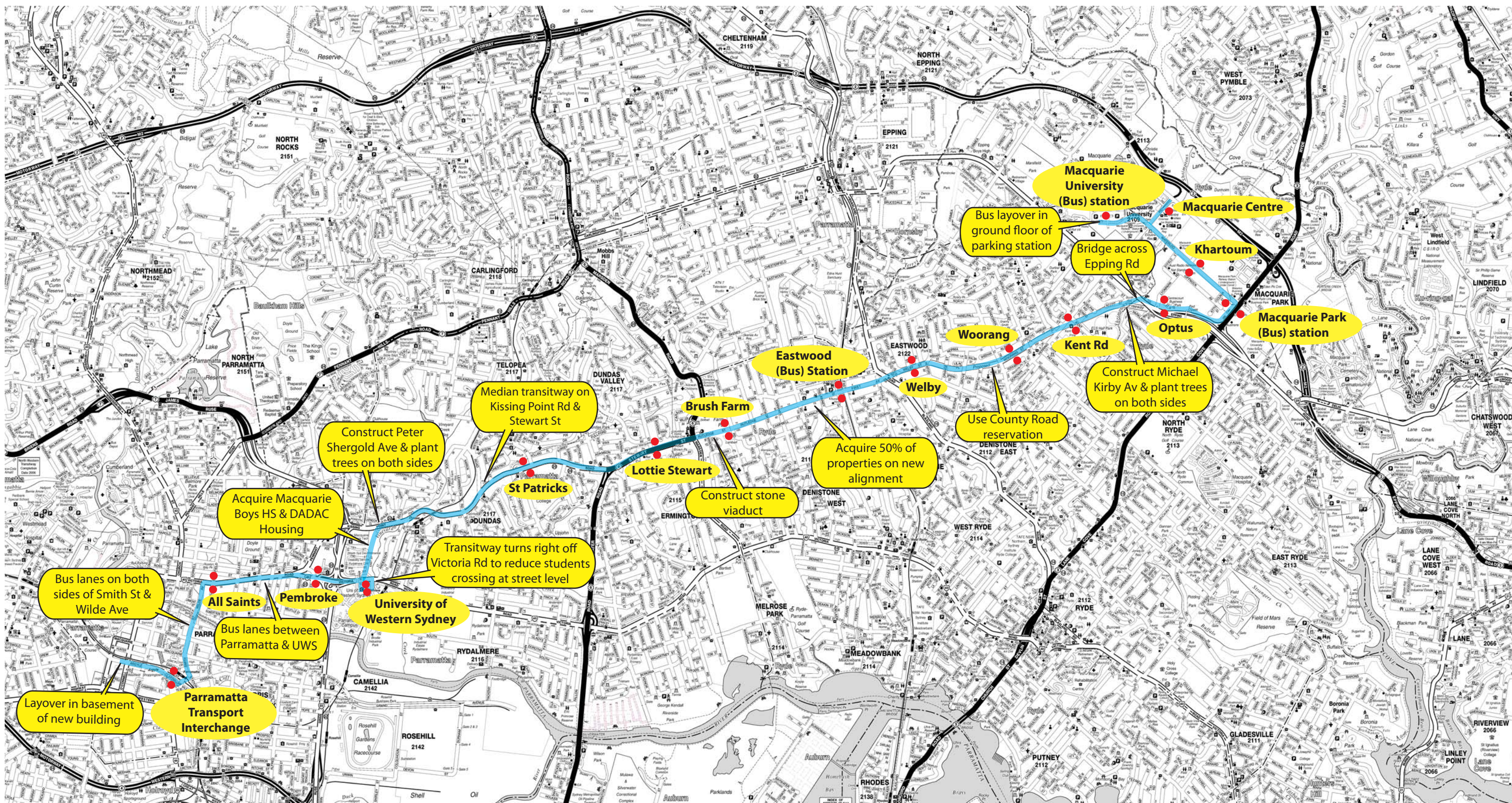
- Cost - the 16 km Transitway will cost \$250m compared to \$2.5b for the rail line.
- Time - the Transitway is easy to construct and would be completed within 18 months.
- Links - the Transitway will provide access to 85,000 jobs along the corridor and link up to existing Transitways to Liverpool, Rouse Hill and Blacktown.
- Activation of county road reservation in Eastwood.

## Civil works and broad costs

- Roadworks \$125m
- Land Acquisition \$50m
- Bus stations \$25m
- Parramatta Interchange expansion \$40m
- Bus layover facilities \$10m



# PROPOSED PARRAMATTA TO MACQUARIE TRANSITWAY







Kissing Point Rd

Victoria Rd

**Peter Shergold Avenue Alignment**

University of Western Sydney

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