



Investing in our health

The NSW Government is investing \$184 million as part of the Sydney Ambulance Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy (SAMIS) program. The SAMIS program will reshape NSW Ambulance's operations in metropolitan Sydney, transforming the majority of the 43 ambulance stations in the area into a network of NSW Ambulance superstations, supported by smaller, standby stations called Paramedic Response Points.

Sites have been chosen because of their proximity to local communities and major roads, ensuring paramedics are best placed to respond to medical emergencies as quickly as possible.

Central Sydney Ambulance Superstation

A new station has been planned for the former NSW Coroners Court site at 42-50 Parramatta Road, Forest Lodge to accommodate projected growth in Sydney. The project will deliver

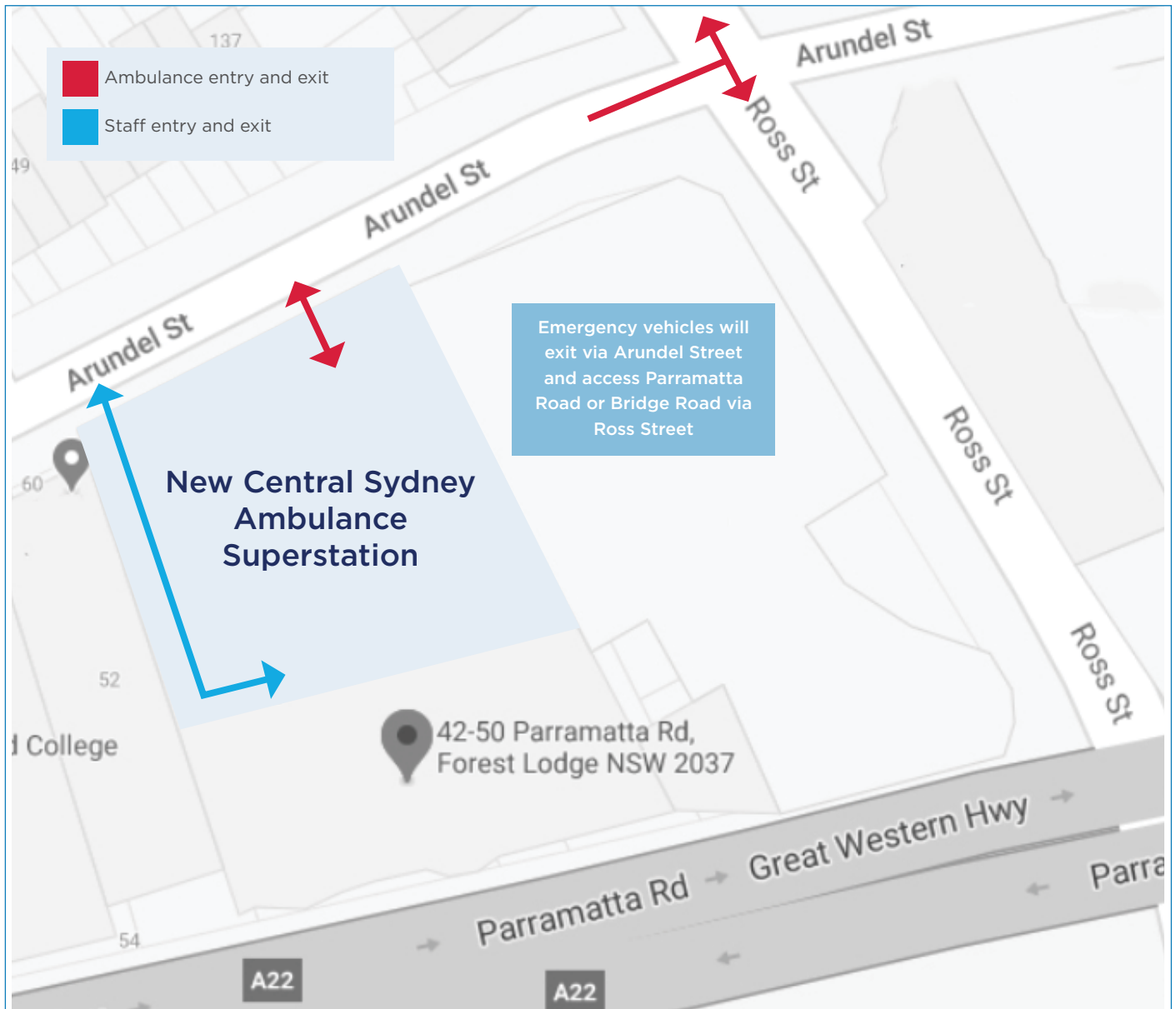
- Dedicated space for 30 ambulance vehicles and 3 motorcycles
- Offices for administration and communications
- Functional areas for vehicle restocking, cleaning and maintenance
- On-site parking for staff, and
- Amenities including kitchen and bathroom facilities with dedicated space for staff on a break

Project progress

Master planning and concept designs have been completed. A Council Development Application (DA) was lodged in October 2020 and is currently awaiting approval.

Demolition of the former NSW Coroners Court is underway and is expected to be completed in mid 2021.

Map



Frequently Asked Questions

Site location

How was the site location chosen? Did you consider alternative sites?

This site was carefully chosen for its proximity to local communities and major roads to ensure paramedics are best placed to respond to medical emergencies as quickly as possible. Internationally-recognised, best-practice modelling software was also used to map Triple Zero (000) demand in the area to help determine the location.

The site, local area characteristics and heritage, and recommended facility requirements for paramedics have been respectfully considered in the design process.

Planning requirements

What is the statutory approval process?

All Health Infrastructure projects require statutory planning approval. The Central Sydney Ambulance Superstation project Development Application (DA) is currently being assessed by City of Sydney Council.

Project delivery

How will the project be delivered?

The project will be delivered in two stages:

Main works of 12 to 18 months duration is expected start in early 2022 once the DA is approved. This stage will deliver the new building and, once completed, will be handed over to NSW Ambulance operations.

Demolition of the existing building is currently underway, and expected to be completed in mid-2021.

Will there be impacts during construction e.g. noise, dust, traffic?

While there may be some construction impacts, mitigation measures will be in place to ensure there is minimal disruption, as far as practicable, to local residents and businesses. The planning approval will ensure strict adherence to legislation and construction phase best practice.

Construction activities will be generally limited to standard construction industry hours and not scheduled on Sundays or public holidays. By exception, some out of hours work may be required, however noise impacts will be mitigated as far as practical and the principal contractor will inform neighbouring properties in advance.

Visual and sound impacts

What planning has been undertaken to ensure residents are not adversely impacted by building noise?

Acoustic consultants were engaged to undertake background noise monitoring on site. They assessed current neighbourhood noise levels against standard noise levels for activities such as opening and closing of roller doors, water pressure washers, vehicle movements and construction.

Next Steps

Stay Informed

We appreciate the feedback we have received through community consultation and other channels. All suggestions are considered to ensure, if and where possible, they are addressed in the design and delivery phases. Please stay informed about the project via letterbox notifications.

This assessment concluded that noise levels are not expected to exceed the established noise levels of the local neighbourhood. Noise generating equipment, such as air conditioning units, will be located away from residential properties to further minimise noise impacts.

How will siren lights and noise impacts be minimised?

NSW Ambulance maintains a good neighbour practice to ensure lights and sirens are used appropriately to minimise impact on residents living within the vicinity of the station. Most emergency responses do not require the use of lights and sirens when exiting the station. Drivers are also required to drive in a professional manner and at a speed and manner appropriate to traffic, road and prevailing weather conditions.

Traffic and transport

Will dedicated car parking for staff be available in the new ambulance station or during construction?

Adequate parking on site for staff cars, motorcycles and bicycles has been provided to accommodate peak operations and occupancy. During construction, staff will be encouraged to commute to and from work via public transport if possible.

How will emergency vehicles access the station?

Emergency vehicles will exit via Arundel Street and access Parramatta Road or Bridge Road via Ross Street (see map). This route will have minimal impact on local residents.

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