Bayswater Station Upgrade: parking

Bayswater passenger car park relocation to Meltham and Ashfield stations

The new Bayswater Station will be located south of its current location and span across Coode Street, which will see the 180 passenger car bays on Whatley Crescent permanently removed. The car park to the north, on Railway Parade, will remain.

To counteract this reduction in passenger parking, approximately 200 parking bays will be built at Meltham and Ashfield stations.

Building the new station over the existing Whatley Crescent car parks means construction can take place with minimal disruptions to train services and the local road network.

Meltham and Ashfield stations previously operated under a skip-stop pattern, which saw every second train stop at the stations during peak times, an all-stopping service pattern was introduced in July this year, making these stations a more desirable option for passengers.

Surveying Bayswater Station passengers

Earlier this year the the Public Transport Authority (PTA) conducted a survey asking Bayswater Park ‘n’ Ride passengers where they intend to park if there are no car bays available at Bayswater Station. While some indicated they would walk, ride or catch a bus to the station, the majority of respondents said they would park at a different station. Therefore the decision was made to increase parking bays at the adjacent stations.

What will be done about passengers parking in residential streets or the town centre?

The PTA does not have authority to control passenger behaviour outside its property. The City of Bayswater is investigating a Bayswater town centre parking strategy. For more information visit the City of Bayswater’s website: www.bayswater.wa.gov.au
Changes to Bayswater Station parking

The Bayswater Station Upgrade concept design will encourage movement by foot and bicycle over cars once 180 passenger car bays are removed from Whatley Crescent.

The passenger parking along Whatley Crescent will be permanently removed after the new car parks at Meltham and Ashfield stations are open in early-2020.

Why can’t the Bayswater car parks remain open?
The passenger parking on Whatley Crescent cannot remain because the upgraded station will be located where the car parks currently sit. The two entrances to the new station will be on either side of Coode Street.

Why can’t the Bayswater passenger car bays be replaced at the site of the old station?
The Bayswater Station Upgrade includes future-proofing space for the Morley-Ellenbrook Line, which will be located at the site of the old station.

Local shoppers use the Whatley Crescent passenger parking. Where will they park now?
Passenger parking is designed for passengers, not local shoppers. The City of Bayswater is investigating a Bayswater town centre parking strategy. For more information visit the City’s website www.bayswater.wa.gov.au

Will any passenger car parking remain at Bayswater Station?
Yes. The passenger car park to the north of Bayswater Station on Railway Parade will remain.

What will happen to the 10 shopper parking bays on the corner of Coode Street and Whatley Crescent?
These car bays will have to be removed as this is where the entrance to the new station will be.

Will this project affect the on-street parking on Whatley Crescent?
The project plans to keep the same number of on-street parking bays on Whatley Crescent as currently exists. They will need to be temporarily removed when Whatley Crescent is lowered and they will be reinstated in slightly different positions.
Changes to Ashfield Station parking

Ashfield Station is 2.5km east of Bayswater Station on the east side of Tonkin Highway. The station currently has no passenger parking. New bays will be built within the rail reserve alongside Railway Parade, to provide an option for passengers currently accessing Bayswater Station from the east.

The exact design and number of bays will be finalised when the contractor is on board.

CONSTRUCTION
Work will start on the car park extension towards the end of 2019. The unsealed areas to the north of the station will be levelled and bitumised before the new car bays are sealed and marked.

Lighting and CCTV will be installed to increase safety of the car park.

The project will include landscaping and tree planting.

All work is expected to take place during the standard construction hours of 7am to 7pm Monday to Saturday. If works are required outside these hours, affected residents will be notified by mail.

While construction is not expected to be impactful to properties, residents and businesses directly across from the car park works will be offered a pre-condition survey of their home as standard practice.

ACCESS
Passengers will access the car park from Railway Parade near Wood and Jackson streets.

The Principal Shared Path (PSP) is not expected to be affected by the Ashfield Station car park works.

Timeline

- Procurement for Meltham and Ashfield station car parks begins: May 2019
- Construction of Meltham and Ashfield station car parks starts: Late-2019
- New car parks at Meltham and Ashfield stations open: Early-2020
- Bayswater Station Whatley Crescent car parks close (after Meltham and Ashfield station car parks open): Early-2020

Can Transperth change the payment zones so Ashfield Station is in the same zone as Bayswater Station?

This option was investigated. Unfortunately changing the zones would be inconsistent with the network wide approach. Transperth’s zone system is distance based to ensure a consistent and transparent application of fares across the network.

Transperth will allow passengers to park at Ashfield Station for free during the construction of Bayswater Station.

Will Ashfield Station receive new cycle facilities?

No. The current bike racks are underutilised, therefore there is no justification for additional cycle facilities.
Both the existing northern and southern car parks will be extended west to help ease the passenger demand created by removing car parking bays at Bayswater Station.

The exact design and number of bays will be finalised when the contractor is on board later in the year.

CONSTRUCTION
Work will start on the car park extension towards the end of 2019. The unsealed areas to the west of the car park will be levelled and bituminised before the new car bays are sealed and marked.

Lighting and CCTV will be installed to increase safety of the car park.

The project will include landscaping and tree planting.

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While construction is not expected to impact properties, residents and businesses directly across from the car park works will be offered a pre-condition survey of their home as standard practice.

ACCESS
Safe and efficient pedestrian and cyclist movements will remain a key focus during construction. The PSP south of the station will be realigned as part of the works. During construction PSP diversions will be in place and signage will alert users to the impacts. Impacts will be scheduled outside of peak periods wherever possible.

Passengers will continue to access the car parks from the existing entries on Railway Parade and Whatley Crescent.

Located just over a kilometre west of Bayswater Station, within the same zone, the Meltham Station car park will double in size.

As part of the Bayswater Station Upgrade project a new Lock ‘n’ Ride bike shelter has been installed at Meltham Station.

The new bike shelter has 24 spaces available for Transperth passengers to store their bikes before they catch the train from Meltham Station.

The bike shelter is located to the south of the station along Whatley Crescent, next to the western pedestrian level crossing.

To register for free access to store your bike in the Meltham Station bike shelter visit the Transperth website www.transperth.wa.gov.au

Meltham Station will follow standard practice for Transperth passenger car parks in which passengers pay a flat rate of $2 to park their vehicle.

Ashfield Station currently has no parking and is in an extra fare zone. To encourage passengers to use the parking at Ashfield Station the introduction of the $2 parking fee will be postponed until the end of the Bayswater Station Upgrade construction period.

Will trees be removed at Meltham and Ashfield stations as part of the car park works?

Some trees may need to be removed to build the new car parks. However landscaping and tree planting will take place at both Meltham and Ashfield stations. In both locations there will be an overall increase of vegetation at the car parks.

Will passengers have to pay to park at the new car bays at Meltham and Ashfield stations?

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Can people not catching the train park in the Transperth car parks?

No. Transperth car parks are for passengers only. Stations are monitored to ensure all parked vehicles have paid for parking and tagged onto a Transperth service.

Will Meltham and Ashfield stations be upgraded?

While the PTA has a long term plan to upgrade all stations to become fully accessible, Meltham and Ashfield stations will not be upgraded as part of the Bayswater Station Upgrade project.