Have your say – Safety improvements on Wallarah Road, Gorokan

The NSW Government is funding this $210,000 proposal to improve safety for road users and pedestrians.

Roads and Maritime Services is seeking your feedback on a proposal to carry out pedestrian safety improvements on Wallarah Road between Nichols Avenue and Hill Street, Gorokan.

In the five years to June 2016 there were 20 crashes on Wallarah Road between Nichols Avenue and Hill Street, including one fatal crash and 11 injury crashes. Four crashes, including the fatality, involved a pedestrian.

We have included a map to explain the proposal. The proposal includes:

- introducing a 40km/h high pedestrian activity speed zone between Nichols Avenue and Valencia Street, to better manage vehicle speeds in the main business area. New signage and concrete kerb extensions will be installed at each end of the speed zone
- installing a new raised pedestrian crossing on Wallarah Road west of Beryl Street and upgrading lighting to provide a safer location for pedestrians to cross the road
- upgrading the existing pedestrian refuge between Hay Street and Beryl Street, including construction of concrete kerb extensions to reduce the crossing distance and allow pedestrians to cross one traffic lane at a time
- building a new concrete pedestrian refuge near Taloma Street, including construction of kerb extensions which will better channel traffic past the nearby bus stops and allow pedestrians to cross one traffic lane at a time
- adjusting the traffic lights to provide longer protected crosswalk time for pedestrians.

The installation of the pedestrian crossing and pedestrian refuges will result in a loss of about 11 on-street parking spaces on Wallarah Road, seven of these between Hay Street and Beryl Street. Some loss of parking is necessary to ensure the crossing facilities have adequate sight distance. Where possible, we have utilised existing no stopping zones and bus zones to minimise the impact to parking.

Planning and investigations
A speed survey was carried out as part of the investigations for this project. The survey showed 58 per cent of motorists travelling along Wallarah Road, between Beryl Street and Valencia Street exceeded the current 50km/h speed limit during the survey.
Pedestrian counts were also carried out on Wallarah Road to determine where new pedestrian facilities would be most effective. Roads and Maritime conducted pedestrian counts on a typical weekday and found that between Hay Street and Beryl Street there were more than 130 pedestrian crossing movements during the AM peak period and 160 pedestrian crossing movements during the PM peak period.

**Drop-in information session**

The community is invited to find out more about the project and to provide feedback to the project team at a drop-in information session to be held on **Wednesday 2 August** from 11.00am to 1.30pm.

The session will be held in our marquee which will be located on the reserve near the corner of Hay Street and Wallarah Road, Gorokan.

**How can you give feedback?**

We encourage you to provide your feedback by **Friday 11 August 2017** to our Project Manager, Natalie Perfrement, at natalie.perfrement@rms.nsw.gov.au or:

Attention: Natalie Perfrement
Roads and Maritime Services
Locked Bag 2030
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We will carefully consider your feedback and continue to keep you updated as the project progresses.

**Contact**

If you have any questions, please contact our Project Manager, Natalie Perfrement, on 02 4908 7738 or natalie.perfrement@rms.nsw.gov.au.

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Proposed pedestrian improvements on Wallarah Road, Gorokan

**KEY**
- **Orange**: Proposed concrete pedestrian refuge
- **Purple**: Proposed pedestrian ramps
- **Green**: Proposed concrete kerb extensions
- **Gray**: Existing 50km/h speed limit area
- **Black**: Proposed 40km/h speed limit area
- **Blue**: Existing no stopping zone
- **Red**: Proposed new no stopping zone

- **Install new concrete kerb extensions at entry to 40km/h speed limit area**
- **Loss of one parking space on each side of the road**
- **Upgrade existing concrete pedestrian refuge**
- **Change traffic lights to increase protected crosswalk time for pedestrians**
- **Loss of three parking spaces eastbound**
- **Loss of two parking spaces westbound**
- **Loss of one parking space on each side of the road**
- **Loss of one parking space on each side of the road**
- **Build new raised pedestrian crossing and upgrade lighting**
- **No parking spaces lost due to existing no stopping zones and bus zones**
- **Install new concrete kerb extensions at entry to 40km/h speed limit area**
- **Build new concrete pedestrian refuge**