Work is continuing on this stage of the $1.6 billion, 35 kilometre upgrade of The Northern Road between Narellan and South Penrith.

Roads and Maritime Services has started work on The Northern Road upgrade between Glenmore Parkway, Glenmore Park and Jamison Road, South Penrith.

The upgrade will widen The Northern Road from a four to an eight lane divided road with a kerbside bus lane in each direction, landscaped median and a shared pedestrian and bike path. It will also include a new bridge over the M4 Motorway and new traffic lights and turning lanes at some intersections.

Local access will be improved by widening Cross Road, Orchard Hills to two lanes and extending it through to Wentworth Road, Orchard Hills.

This will improve travel time reliability and safety, reduce congestion and form one of the main arterial transport corridors.

Work is expected to be completed in 2020.

**Key features**

- four lanes in each direction (three general traffic lanes and a kerbside bus lane)
- a new bridge over the M4 Motorway with the existing bridge to be removed
- new traffic lights and turning lanes at nine intersections
- wide central median
- new shared pedestrian and cyclist path and footpaths
- new street lighting, safety barriers, drainage and landscaping
- new retaining walls and two new noise barriers.
Urban Design and Landscape Plan

An Urban Design and Landscape Plan has been developed for The Northern Road upgrade Glenmore Parkway to Jamison Road project to ensure that the finished road environment maintains a consistent look and feel with the surrounding Glenmore Park, Orchard, South Penrith and Kingswood areas.

This plan maintains and builds upon Roads and Maritime high level of design for road infrastructure. It provides a seamless integration with Penrith City, rural areas and the existing M4 Motorway with a subtle and contemporary design, inspired by the attractive rural and suburban environment at the foothills of the Blue Mountains.

The plan is available on the RMS website. It provides detailed design for features of the project such as:

- the new M4 Motorway bridge and throw screens
- noise barriers (pattern to be confirmed) and retaining walls
- earthworks, landforms and slopes
- landscaping including verge and median planting
- road furniture including lighting, bus shelters, paths, handrails and fences.

The plan is available to view at: rms.nsw.gov.au/thenorthernroad

Community Information Centre
1990 The Northern Road, Orchard Hills
Enter via Wentworth Avenue
Monday to Friday 9am–5pm

Landscaping and revegetation is designed to protect biodiversity. M4 Motorway and The Northern Road interchange includes native wildflower species.

Concrete block retaining wall with split face (left) and with capping block (right).

Artist’s impression of the new M4 Motorway bridge with throw screens, east of The Northern Road, looking west.

Artist’s impression of noise barriers along the M4 Motorway and The Northern Road. Patterning for the noise walls is yet to be confirmed.
New homes for wildlife

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The nest boxes are one of a number of initiatives developed to mitigate the impact on the local environment.

In the community

The Northern Road project team held their community day on Thursday 14 September.

The team assisted two local schools and a preschool deliver plans to transform their classrooms and gardens into assets that can be enjoyed by generations to come.

The work included landscaping, edging, mulching, restoration of garden beds, benches and classroom furniture and repainting the classroom walls.

Community day is an annual event that gives employees a chance to apply their skills where they are most needed and give back to the communities that support us.

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1 Town Terrace, Glenmore Park.

Wednesday 7 February 10am–2pm
Southlands Shopping Centre
2 Birmingham Road, South Penrith

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**Completed work**
In previous months, the project team have:

- completed construction of main site office
- setup work zones on The Northern Road and M4 Motorway including temporary traffic barriers and signage
- engaged with stakeholders regarding the detailed design and property adjustments
- started survey and site investigation work
- started work to setup our ancillary site compound
- started work to create two new temporary travel lanes on The Northern Road between Bringelly Road and Jamison Road
- started constructing the foundations for the new M4 bridge and interchange at The Northern Road
- completed installing signage for the temporary cycleway detour.

**Upcoming work**
Over the next three months, the project team will be:

- continuing establishing temporary stockpile sites.
- continuing to install temporary traffic barriers and signage
- surveying and investigating existing utilities including drainage and electricity
- continuing earthwork, water services and drainage for road construction
- relocating public utilities work including gas, electricity, water services along the route
- constructing retaining walls and fencing
- continuing to build the foundations and starting construction for the structure of the new bridge that will be built over the M4 Motorway.

Most work is done during standard construction hours between 7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday and between 8am and 1pm, Saturday, weather permitting.

Work outside of these hours, including night work, will be notified in advance to reduce impact on residents and the travelling public.

Piling work to construct the foundations near the existing westbound off-ramp, for the new M4 bridge and interchange at The Northern Road.
Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan

**The Northern Road and Erskine Park Road**
- Intersection upgrade studies $1.1 million – complete
- Erskine Park Road intersection upgrades $29.1 million
- The Northern Road intersections upgrade $6.7 million

**Bungarribee Road and Flushcombe Road**
- Traffic lights scoping study $526,000

**Ross Street/Great Western Highway**
- Intersection upgrade
- In planning

**Werrington Arterial Road**
- $55 million – complete

**M12 Motorway**
- Preferred Corridor

**Smithfield Road Upgrade**
- $16.4 million

**Wetherill Street**
- Upgrade
- $8.2 million – complete

**Cumberland Highway**
- Intersection upgrades
- $5.8 million – complete

**Bringelly Road Upgrade**
- $509 million
  - Stage 1 – construction started
  - Stage 2 – construction started

**Argyle Street/Camden Valley Way**
- Corridor upgrade and studies
  - $2.3 million – complete
  - Stage 2 – Macarthur Road Intersection
  - $4.3 million
  - Grahams Hill Road and Richardson Road Intersection $4 million

**Porrende Street Upgrade**
- Scoping study $120,000

**Eagle Vale Drive Upgrade**
- $17.5 million – complete

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**LEGEND**
- Local Roads Package ($200 million Australian Government funded)
- Major WSIP road projects
- Existing The Northern Road

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Stay informed. We keep residents, communities and motorists informed of work activities which may affect them by doorknocks, letterbox notices, road signs, the LiveTraffic app, NSW Roads facebook page and The Northern Road website at rms.nsw.gov.au/thenorthernroad.

Let us know if you would also like to receive SMS or email notifications by emailing tnr.community@lendlease.com or calling 1800 870 665.

Visit our new Community Information Centre. Located at the corner of Wentworth Avenue and The Northern Road, Orchard Hills, the Centre is open during business hours between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Come along to meet the team and get all the answers you need. Check out our new interactive 3D drive through model of the project while you’re there.

How do I get home? Visit rms.nsw.gov.au/wsip to check if there is any change to how your access your property. Follow the link to the interactive portal, then visit The Northern Road upgrade area within the portal.

Other Western Sydney road projects. Visit the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan portal at rms.nsw.gov.au/wsip.