All projects are being delivered in consultation with the local community. Protecting our environment during these activities is also very important. Your comments on the planned upgrades are welcome.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during all the road works to better connect residents and businesses within and beyond the Great Western Highway.

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**Great Western Highway Upgrade**
An overview
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The upgrade of the Great Western Highway in the Blue Mountains involves widening the highway to four lanes between Emu Plains and Katoomba and to mostly three lanes between Katoomba and Mount Victoria.

The Australian Government will spend a total of $200 million on the upgrade and the NSW Government will spend $360 million (note that these figures exclude the proposed Mt Victoria to Lithgow upgrade).

The upgrade work completed to date has led to improved travel times for motorists as well as providing a safer road environment for all motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

RTA project planning and construction considers:

Access for local communities – Providing new access and safer options for buses and local traffic. At Leura, a new local link road has made highway access safer and easier for locals. In Lawson, a new school bus stop and turnaround area will mean safer access to the Catholic Church and primary school, as well as safer bus access.

Pedestrian and cyclist needs – Improving cyclist facilities along the highway and safer pedestrian facilities at intersections across the highway in townships. Pedestrian safety improvements include new bridges across the highway at Blaxland, Warrimoo, Valley Heights, Faulconbridge, Hazelbrook, Leura and Shell Corner (Katoomba).

The environment – Minimising environmental impacts, extensive planting and landscaping. For example, extensive planting took place with construction of the Leura underpass, and Blue Mountain Ash trees were retained during stage two of Leura to Katoomba construction.

The local heritage – Working closely with Aboriginal land councils and local communities to preserve significant local landmarks and retain the character of various towns on the highway. During works at Wentworth Falls, for example, the original cemetery wall was carefully dismantled, labeled and replaced in the same order.

For more information www.rta.nsw.gov.au

Current Great Western Highway projects

Work on current projects reflects the RTA’s commitment to improving traffic flow and road safety along the Great Western Highway, while respecting the historical and environmental significance of the Blue Mountains and its townships and villages.

Woodford to Hazelbrook

Features – Four lane upgrade from Station Street, Woodford to Ferguson Avenue, Hazelbrook.

Benefits – Safer pedestrian access and new link roads for locals under the western rail line at Oaklands Road and at Hazelbrook School.

Leura to Katoomba (Section 2)

Features – Four lane upgrade from East View Avenue, Leura to Bowling Green Avenue, Katoomba.


Wentworth Falls East

Features – Four lane upgrade from Tableland Road to Station Street.

Benefits – New off-road shared pedestrian/cyclist path to enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Lawson

Features – Four lane upgrade from Ferguson Avenue to Ridge Street.

Benefits – Safer access to the Catholic Church and school and improved bus access. Preservation/relocation of heritage buildings. Improved town centre.

Bullaburra

Features – Four lane upgrade from Bullaburra from Ridge Street, Lawson to Tableland Road, Wentworth Falls.

Benefits – Improved parking at Bullaburra railway station. Preservation of significant vegetation and Blue Mountain Swamp. Fauna underpass.

Mt Victoria to Lithgow

Traffic on the Great Western Highway between Mt Victoria and Lithgow is expected to increase to about 20,000 vehicles each day by the year 2025.

The Australian and NSW governments, along with the community, are investigating options for an upgrade on an improved alignment. An upgrade would improve road safety and efficiency, while key important objectives are to be sensitive to the area’s natural environment, heritage and local communities.

For further information on all of the above Great Western Highway projects, as well as major road maintenance projects, visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au

Roundabout above new underpass at Leura Mall
WORKS COMPLETED SINCE 2000

- July 2000 – Valley Heights – New pedestrian bridge
- July 2000 – Warrimoo – Four lane upgrade and pedestrian bridge at railway station
- February 2001 – Blaxland – Parking improvements and pedestrian bridge at railway station
- June 2001 – Faulconbridge – Four lane upgrade and pedestrian bridge at railway station
- June 2002 – Soldiers Pinch (Mt Victoria) – Improved alignment and overtaking lane
- August 2003 – Linden – Four lane upgrade with new bridges and pedestrian signals
- December 2003 – Coomassie shopping precinct – Parking, pedestrian and cyclist improvements
- December 2003 – Medlow Bath – Improved alignment, replacement bridge and new signalised intersection
- August 2004 – Shell Corner (Katoomba) – Four lane upgrade, two new bridges, new traffic signals
- June 2005 – Wentworth Falls West – Four lane upgrade with three improved intersections and new off-road shared pedestrian/cyclist path
- August 2005 – Lapstone Hill safety improvements – Median barrier extended and wider shoulder for cyclists
- May 2006 – Leura to Katoomba (Section 1) – Four lane upgrade and new underpass at Leura Mall
- June 2008 – Layton Avenue to Baden Place (Blaxland), The Valley Road to Lugarno Avenue (Springwood), west of Railway Parade (Medlow Bath), railway overbridge to Grandview Road (Mt Victoria) – pavement resurfacing

WORKS IN CONSTRUCTION

- Woodford to Hazelbrook – Four lane upgrade from Station Street (Woodford) to Ferguson Avenue (Hazelbrook), Winbourne Avenue to Ferguson Avenue (Hazelbrook) under construction
- Leura to Katoomba (Section 2) – Four lane upgrade from East View Avenue (Leura) to Bowling Green Avenue (Katoomba)

WORKS IN PLANNING/DESIGN

- Lawson – Four lane upgrade Ferguson Avenue to Ridge Street. Shopping Centre redevelopment by Blue Mountains City Council and property owners
- Bullaburra East – Four lane upgrade Ridge Street (Lawson) to Genevieve Road (Bullaburra)
- Bullaburra West – Four lane upgrade Genevieve Road (Bullaburra) to Tableland Road (Wentworth Falls)
- Wentworth Falls East – Four lane upgrade Tableland Road to Station Street
- Mt Victoria to Lithgow – investigating improved alignment

Four lane upgrade at Warrimoo with local access roads.