Basic Infrastructure and Services – Project update, April 2018

Roads and Maritime Services is planning to upgrade the Golden Highway at Ogilvies Hill and Winery Hill to improve traffic efficiency, network reliability and safety.

Community and stakeholder feedback on the concept designs is invited by Wednesday 9 May 2018.

Background

The proposed upgrades are part of a package of work being delivered on the Golden Highway, between Whittingham and Dubbo, to improve safety, traffic efficiency, network reliability and freight access.

The NSW Government is providing $109 million funding, with an additional $24 million funding from the Australian Government, for the package of work on the Golden Highway.

The package of work includes intersection improvements, road rebuilding, shoulder widening, overtaking lanes, rest area improvements and flood immunity projects.

Project Benefits

The upgrades would:

• Improve safety for road users
• Improve travel times and reliability by providing overtaking opportunities
• Provide a smoother road surface
• Improve freight access by catering for higher productivity vehicles including up to 30 metres in length
• Maintain and improve the ability to cater for over dimension and over mass loads.

Project overview

The project involves:

• Upgrading a two kilometre section of highway near Ogilvies Hill
• Upgrading a seven kilometre section of highway between Bowmans Crossing and Sadlers Creek at Winery Hill, around nine kilometres west of Jerrys Plains.

The improvements include:

• Building overtaking lanes in both directions to improve safety and traffic flow
• Rebuilding and realigning the road
• Widening road shoulders
• Drainage improvements and providing five metre clear zones along sections of the highway.
Winery Hill overtaking lanes

1. Eastbound overtaking lane to be built
2. Westbound overtaking lane to be built

Key:
- Road rebuilding and shoulder widening

Golden Highway
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Ogilvies Hill overtaking lanes

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Potential traffic impacts

Over the next two years there will be several major road projects in construction along the Golden Highway including:

- Overtaking lanes at Ogilvies Hill and Winery Hill near Jerrys Plains
- Upgrades between Mudies Creek and Whittingham
- Golden Highway and New England Highway intersection upgrade at Belford.

These construction activities will be disruptive for motorists, residents and stakeholders.

Impacts at Ogilvies Hill and Winery Hill may include delays and disruptions to traffic flow and travel times due to lane closures and reduced speed limits through work zones.

Travel time delays may be significant with journeys expected to take up to an additional 30 minutes between Belford and Denman during some stages of construction for these major projects.

Motorists will be advised to plan their journeys ahead of time using the latest information on traffic conditions available by calling 132 701, visiting livetraffic.com or downloading the Live Traffic NSW App. Signage will also be in place to advise motorists of changed traffic conditions along the highway.

We will also keep the freight industry informed of traffic impacts, restrictions and timing to help with planning journeys during construction.

Involving the community and stakeholders

We are working with the community and stakeholders during the planning process to identify issues and minimise potential impacts of the proposed upgrades.

Feedback received will be considered to finalise the environmental assessment and detailed design.

Work is expected to start in late 2018. We will continue to keep the community informed as the project progresses and before work starts.

Have your say

Feedback on the proposed upgrades is invited by Wednesday 9 May 2018:

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