Inner Newcastle Traffic Study

Roads and Maritime Services is carrying out a study to investigate traffic efficiency along several state road corridors in inner Newcastle. The study will help determine the priorities for future upgrades of the Newcastle road network.

Background
Roads and Maritime has carried out preliminary investigations and identified significant traffic congestion issues at 23 sites in inner Newcastle, along five state road corridors. The traffic study will investigate these sites, and others identified by the community, to develop a priority list of future potential projects.

The primary focus of this study is to inform future road network planning in inner Newcastle. Consultants have been engaged to carry out technical studies including traffic modelling and cost benefit analysis to inform the traffic study.

Roads and Maritime is seeking feedback and possible solutions from the community about the sites identified, as well as any other traffic issues experienced by road users in the study area.

Study area
The study will investigate traffic issues along state roads within inner Newcastle, however impacts from and on local roads will also be considered. Several major roads are included in the study area, as shown in the map.

The list of priority sites and potential solutions will be evidence-based and informed by community consultation. The study will consider:

- Existing and future traffic conditions including queues and delays
- Which intersections are providing lower levels of service now, and which intersections are expected to provide lower levels of service in the near future
- Input from the wider community about road congestion concerns and possible solutions.
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Identified sites

1. Main Road and University Drive, Callaghan
2. Main Road and Newcastle Road, Jesmond
3. Newcastle Road and Croudace Street, Lambton
4. Lookout Road and Russell Road, New Lambton
5. Lookout Road and McCaffrey Drive, Rankin Park
6. Charlestown Road and Carnley Avenue, Kotara
7. Bridges Road and St James Road, New Lambton
8. St James Road, Park Avenue and Glebe Road, Adamstown
9. Northcott Drive and Park Avenue, Kotara
10. Pacific Highway and Kahibah Road, Kahibah
11. Pacific Highway and Northcott Drive, Adamstown Heights
12. Pacific Highway and Scenic Drive, Merewether
13. City Road and Glebe Road, Hamilton
14. Stewart Avenue and Parry / King Street, Newcastle
15. Stewart Avenue and Hunter Street, Newcastle West
16. Hannell Street and Honeysuckle Drive, Wickham
17. Nineways, Broadmeadow
18. Brunker Road and Glebe Road, Adamstown
19. Turton / Bridges Road and Lambton Road, Broadmeadow
20. Turton Road and Griffiths Road, Broadmeadow
21. Tourle Street and Industrial Drive, Mayfield
22. Industrial Drive and Werribi Street, Mayfield West
23. Werribi / Maud Street and Maitland Road, Mayfield
Involving the community and stakeholders

Input from the community will be valuable in confirming the sites in the study area requiring investigation and finding possible future solutions.

Roads and Maritime will engage with the community and stakeholders through a range of channels including the project web page, community updates and displays, advertising and letters.

Next steps

The study will be informed by both the technical studies and community input. When the study is complete, a prioritisation list of potential future traffic projects will be considered for future funding.

No funding has been allocated for any construction work at this time, apart from work related to the Rankin Park to Jesmond section of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass.

The inner Newcastle traffic study will be completed by the end of 2014.

Your comments are invited by Friday 8 August 2014

Have your say

Roads and Maritime welcomes your comments by Friday 8 August about traffic congestion issues and possible solutions in inner Newcastle. Your feedback and suggestions will help determine the priorities for future upgrades of the Newcastle road network.

You can provide comments or find out more by:

Visiting rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/newcastletrafficstudy

An interactive map is available to provide feedback at specific locations around inner Newcastle

Nominating another traffic hot spot at rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/newcastletrafficstudy using the interactive map

Calling 1800 550 621

Emailing Newcastletrafficstudy@rms.nsw.gov.au

Writing to Inner Newcastle Traffic Study, Roads and Maritime Services, Locked Bag 2030, Newcastle NSW 2300