Roundabout upgrades on the New England Highway at Maitland

The NSW Government, through the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund, has provided $45 million for upgrades on the New England Highway at Maitland to improve safety and traffic flow. This update contains information about construction progress and upcoming work.

Background

Roads and Maritime Services is upgrading two roundabouts on the New England Highway at Church Street and High Street, including building an eastbound overpass at the Church Street roundabout. Work started in August 2013 and is expected to be completed in mid 2016, weather permitting.

Construction progress

Construction of the eastbound overpass started in January and work is underway to build the overpass foundations and piers.

The first stage of highway widening is also underway on the eastern side of the Church Street roundabout to make way for the eastbound overpass exit lane.

A 126 metre access ramp was also completed in April on the northern side of the pedestrian bridge at the Church Street roundabout. The existing pedestrian bridge has been modified to improve safety and access for residents and commuters travelling to Maitland Railway Station and attending events at the nearby showground.

Upcoming construction activities

In the coming months, work will continue on the foundations for the eastbound overpass. Once all 30 foundations are complete, the supporting piers will be built in preparation for installing the bridge girders and building the 430 metre bridge deck.

There will be large equipment movements during the work, including delivery of the bridge girders.

Work will also continue on the first stage of road widening, including rebuilding and realigning the westbound lanes on the highway. This section of widening is expected to be open to traffic in mid 2015.

Stage two widening work will start mid 2015 and involve removing wire safety barriers and trees along the central median, excavating the median and rebuilding the roadway.

Stage two is expected to be completed in the second half of 2015.

The final stage of road widening will involve stormwater drainage improvements, relocating street lighting in Church Street and connecting the overpass to the highway.

The overpass is expected to open to traffic in mid 2016, weather permitting.
Involving the community and stakeholders

Roads and Maritime will provide information to the community and as much advance notice as possible on work impacts and changed traffic conditions.

Notification may include signage to alert road users, media activities, updates on the Live Traffic NSW website, advertising and letters to residents and businesses.

Roads and Maritime apologises for any inconvenience this work may cause and appreciates your patience.

Did you know?
The foundation piles for the eastbound overpass at the Railway Station roundabout are more than 30 metres long. In total there will be more than 950 metres of concrete piles to support the bridge.

Further information
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