Charleyong Bridge replacement
Roads and Maritime Services – Project update, July 2018

Roads and Maritime Services has finalised the detailed design for the replacement of the Charleyong Bridge over the Mongarlowe River, Marlowe.

Replacement of the bridge will greatly improve safety and efficiency for all road users and improve access for freight vehicles by allowing Higher Mass Limit Vehicles to use the road. It would also reduce ongoing maintenance costs associated with the current bridge.

The project has been allocated $10 million to commence construction of the Charleyong Bridge as part of the Bridges to the Bush program in the 2018/19 budget.

The project has also received $5 million under the Australian Government’s Bridges Renewal Program.

Work on the road approaches to the bridge will start in July 2018 and will be completed by Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.

We will advertise tender for construction of the bridge later this year.

We expect construction work to start in mid to late 2018 and take around two years to complete.

The upgrade
Charleyong Bridge is located on Nerriga Road (Main Road 92) which is a regionally important link for goods, quarried material and stock between Nowra, Braidwood and Canberra.

The existing bridge does not meet current loading standards and has become increasingly difficult to maintain.

Final design
The final design for the project is shown on the map on the next page.

A number of changes have been made to the design since the Review of Environmental Factors was displayed in July 2016. These changes include the addition of two u-turn bays and new pavement for a longer design life.
Benefits

Benefits of the upgrade include:

• Increased road safety due to wider traffic lanes and improved approaches to the bridge
• Ability for Higher Mass Limit vehicles to use the bridge
• Reduced maintenance costs
• Suitable timber from the existing bridge, which will be removed when the new crossing is operational, will be recycled and used as part of maintenance work for other timber truss bridges.

Key features

Some of the key features of the bridge’s detailed design include:

• Construction of a new bridge upstream of the existing bridge location on an improved road alignment
• Construction of about one kilometre of sealed approach roads
• Removal of tight, unsealed curves in the road
• The new bridge ties in with Nerriga Road immediately west of Tomboye Road intersection
• The new bridge is wider, with two lanes and shoulders.

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