Upcoming construction activities

Construction activities during the coming months include:

- Relocating utilities, telecommunications and water mains along the Princes Highway between Mount Pleasant and Fern Street.
- Widening road shoulders and installing concrete safety barriers.
- Implementing traffic changes for future construction work.
- Installing boundary fencing for properties adjoining the alignment, including relocating existing structures and removing vegetation.
- Preparing access arrangements at Omega Flat and Fern Street for future traffic changes with laying of material to stabilise the ground.
- Constructing haul roads between the site compound and Rose Valley Road.
- Realigning Crooked River at the new highway alignment.
- Installing a u-turn facility for construction vehicles at Toolijooa Road.
- Constructing culverts.
- Temporarily closing the shared path (north of Sandy Wha Road) on Fern Street.
- Piling for bridge foundations.

Construction hours

Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm. Nearby residents will be advised of any construction work outside of normal working hours.

Changes to traffic conditions

Changes to traffic conditions and reduced speed limits will be implemented along sections of the project as the work progresses. This will be clearly signposted. For the safety of motorists, pedestrians and workers, please observe all project signage and traffic control directions during construction.
Community feedback on detailed design

The community was invited to comment on the detailed design between 25 May and 22 June 2012. Feedback received from the ‘Have your say’ forms and verbal comments have been taken into consideration in finalising the detailed design.

Based on this feedback, the following changes are being made to the design:

- Replacing concrete retaining walls with landscaped embankments including at the Gerringong curves.
- Removing Norfolk Pines from the landscaping plan.
- Reinstituting the Swamp Oaks along Fern Street with saplings from original trees.
- Minimising impacts on traffic flow during construction of the Fern Street railway overbridge.
- Relocating current gateway signage.
- Refining the noise wall design to reduce visual impacts on adjacent landowners.

Feedback received from the ‘Have your say’ forms and verbal comments have been taken into consideration in finalising the detailed design. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback, we appreciate your comments.

Map contents:

- Upgraded Princes Highway
- Shared access roads
- Existing Princes Highway
- Other roads
- South Coast Railway
- Waterways
- New bridges
- Existing bridges
- Climbing lane
- Fig tree retained
- Noise wall
What happens next?

Construction has started with completion expected in the first half of 2015, weather permitting. The project team will continue to keep the community informed about the project during construction.

Community Advocate

Rowena Lennings has been working with the community to help ensure clear and consistent information is delivered. A flow chart has been developed to help the community understand the process. The flow chart and monthly Community Advocate reports are available on the RMS project website at www.rms.gov.au/gu.

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Community display centre

The community display centre is now open. Community members are encouraged to visit the display centre for information on the project and general construction inquiries. The display centre is located at 446 Princes Highway, Gerringong, Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm, excluding public holidays.

Southbound vehicles are encouraged to take the Fern Street exit off the highway and travel through Gerringong to Belinda Street. Access to the site compound is off the Princes Highway.

For more information

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1300 762 343 for Safety and Environmental Emergencies.
Post: Gerringong upgrade, PO Box 364 Gerringong, NSW 2534.
Community display centre: 446 Princes Highway, Gerringong. Open Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm
Information: Berry project office, shop 3/113 Queen Street, Berry. Open Friday 10am - 5pm.
Gerringong Newsagency display window, 131 Fern Street, Gerringong.