Project update – Proposed intersection improvements on Blaxland Road, Eastwood

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The NSW Government is funding two proposals as part of its $300 million Urban Roads Pinch Point Program and its $225 million Pinch Point Program, which aims to reduce congestion and improve travel times on Sydney’s busiest corridors.

Roads and Maritime invited feedback in August and September 2017 on proposed intersection improvements on Blaxland Road at Balaclava Road and Ball Avenue, and Blaxland Road at First Avenue Eastwood.

Currently, delays are caused by the large number of cars turning from Blaxland Road into Balaclava Road and from Blaxland Road into First Avenue, particularly during peak periods. We have investigated the improvement of traffic flow by widening sections of the road and turning lanes and providing new footpaths. The proposed changes would improve traffic times through these intersections by reducing the congestion and traffic queues at these intersections.

Two separate community consultation reports have been prepared summarising the matters raised during the consultation period. Copies of these reports are available on our website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydney-north/blaxland-road-eastwood.

Intersection improvements on Blaxland Road, Balaclava Road and Ball Avenue, Eastwood

Feedback was received from 20 community members, and one local council (21 responses in total). Key areas of interest for community members regarding the proposal included:

- project justification and cost
- changes to traffic lights
- changes to Balaclava Road to help support the proposed changes
- potential impacts to local roads
- pedestrian and cyclist safety
- noise and traffic impacts to local residents.

After considering all responses we have decided to proceed with the proposed intersection improvements on Blaxland Road at Balaclava Road and Ball Avenue, Eastwood. Based on feedback, we have amended the original design proposal to include a continuous line to prevent vehicles from turning left onto Vimiera Road from the outer lane.
Intersection improvements on Blaxland Road at First Avenue, Eastwood

Feedback was received from 26 community members, and one local council (27 responses in total). Key areas of interest for community members with respect to the proposal included:

- project costs and justifications
- proposed dual right turn changes from Blaxland Road into First Avenue
- cyclist and pedestrian safety
- potential impacts to local roads.

Roads and Maritime has considered all feedback and will proceed with the completion of the investigation and design of the proposed intersection improvements on Blaxland Road at First Avenue, Eastwood.

What happens next?

Roads and Maritime will finalise the detailed design and environmental assessment for these proposals. Further communications will be provided to the community and stakeholders as the project progresses.

Roads and Maritime would like to thank everyone who took the time to consider our proposal and provide feedback.

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