The Australian and NSW Governments are upgrading roads around Sydney’s Kingsford Smith Airport to help improve traffic flow around the airport and Port Botany.

Sydney Airport and Port Botany are two of the most important international gateways facilitating the movement of millions of people and goods around New South Wales each year.

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering these major upgrades on behalf of the Australian and NSW Governments, with two key precincts within the overall airport network identified for improvement:

- Airport North Precinct, along O’Riordan Street between Joyce Drive and Bourke Road, Mascot
- Airport East Precinct, in the area covering Wentworth Avenue, Botany Road, Mill Pond Road, Joyce Drive and General Holmes Drive, Mascot.
**Airport East Precinct**

Roads and Maritime is upgrading roads east of the airport, on behalf of the Australian and NSW Governments to improve the movement of rail freight facilities to and from Port Botany and improve traffic flow and access to the airport and Port Botany.

Key benefits:
- improved road user safety through the removal of the existing railway level crossing on General Holmes Drive
- improved traffic flow and access to the airport and Port Botany
- improved movement of rail freight facilities to and from Port Botany
- improvement of intersections in the area to support future growth and access to the Airport
- reduced congestion by providing a feasible and cost effective road network improvement
- the new shared path linking the existing cycle way on Wentworth Avenue will improve connections for pedestrians and cyclists, at Todd Reserve on Wentworth Avenue
- once finished, travel times through this area will be improved in both the morning and evening peak periods. This will mean easier access to and from the Airport and less time sitting in traffic.

**Construction Progress**

Major work started in February 2017 and is on track to finish in 2019.

Work is continuing on Airport East Precinct project, which covers Wentworth Avenue, Botany Road, Mill Pond Road, Joyce Drive and General Holmes Drive, Mascot. The construction of the new rail bridge is complete, and the new rail track is now being used. The Joyce Drive widening and the Domestic terminal intersection work are close to completion.

Since major work started, we have:
- built the new rail bridge at Botany Road opposite Wentworth Avenue intersection and installed the new rail track on the new rail bridge
- begun with the underpass construction and brought to completion the new canal bridge near General Holmes Drive
- continued with services and utilities relocation around Botany Road and Wentworth Avenue intersection and on General Holmes Drive and Joyce Drive
- widened General Holmes Drive and Joyce Drive
- reconstructed the intersection of Joyce Drive and Qantas Drive at the entrance of Domestic Terminal.

The next six months will be busy on the project with:
- the underpass construction continuing into next year
- major utility relocations moving into the next stage, providing new underground sewerage, storm water and water main systems
- roadwork continuing, with new road surfaces and kerbs are being constructed on Joyce Drive and General Holmes Drive
- the Botany Road and Wentworth Avenue intersection reconstruction, which will start later this year with a weekend intersection shutdown planned for the coming months.
Airport North Precinct

Roads and Maritime will widen O’Riordan Street to three lanes in each direction between Bourke Road and Robey Street.

The project will tie in to the recently completed, reconfigured Robey Street and O’Riordan Street as one-way streets to accommodate upgrades to the new one-way road system through the T2/T3 domestic terminals and help improve traffic flow around Sydney Airport.

Key Benefits:

- improved pedestrian and cycle access to and from the airport along O’Riordan street including an upgraded footpath on the eastern side of O’Riordan Street
- improved traffic flow at peak times from increased average travel speeds across the area
- six through lanes on O’Riordan Street between Bourke Road and Robey Street
- coordination with changes to Sydney Airport internal roads network seeing improved traffic flow into and out of the airport.

Construction Progress

Early work on the project started at the beginning of July 2018 and includes service and pavement investigation work throughout the project area.

We are progressing well with the demolition that is required to enable the start of major work, and expect to start utility relocations in the next few weeks.

$500m investment in roads around Sydney Airport

New pathways for active transport

710 metres of road widening
Traffic at the Airport North Project on O’Riordan Street travelling towards the Domestic Terminal

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