Early construction work at Great Western Highway, Church Street and Parkes Street, Parramatta from Monday 17 June

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

Every day over 30,000 motorists use the Great Western Highway to travel through and into Parramatta. Commuters often experience heavy congestion and long wait times where the Highway intersects Church Street and Parkes Street because of the limited number of turning lanes. These lines of traffic block other motorists from continuing their journeys, especially during morning and afternoon peaks.

Roads and Maritime is addressing the problem by upgrading this intersection. The upgrade will include road widening Church Street and readjusting medians on the Great Western Highway to create:

- a second dedicated right turn lane from the Great Western Highway onto Church Street
- a second dedicated right turn lane from Church Street onto Parkes Street
- an dedicated left turn lane from Church Street onto Early Street and Great Western Highway.

The work will also include upgrading the shared paths along Church Street and at the intersection to improve cyclist and pedestrian access. This project is expected to be completed in late 2020.
What is happening

We will be carrying out surveys, installing temporary traffic control and relocating underground utilities at the north eastern corner of the intersection of Church Street and Parkes Street, Parramatta.

We will be updating you on this project as work progresses, including informing you in advance about future work schedules and night work.

How will the work affect you

Our work may be noisy at times but we will do everything we can to minimise its impact, including completing the noisier activities such as concrete cutting and jack hammering by midnight.

Traffic changes

There may be temporary traffic changes during our work hours to ensure the work zone is safe. Lane closures will be in place and may affect travel times. Please keep to speed limits and follow signs and traffic controllers’ directions. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Community consultation

We consulted with the community and key stakeholders including Parramatta City Council on this project in October 2017 and no concerns were raised.

What is a ‘pinch point’

A pinch point is a traffic congestion point, either at an intersection or on a short length of road, where a traffic bottleneck exists. They cause traffic build-up and travel delays at these spots and on the wider road network.

More than $825 million has been committed to the pinch point program. Each project eases congestion, reduces traffic delays and improves travel times on Sydney’s major roads.

Contact

If you have feedback or concerns about the work schedule, or would like to know more about this project, please contact the project team on 1800 572 004 or pinchpoints@rms.nsw.gov.au

To learn more on this project and other pinch points in Sydney’s west, visit rms.work/urbanpinchpoints.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.