



Dubbo, looking east over Emile Serisier Bridge

New Dubbo Bridge

Preferred route option

May 2017

The NSW Government is planning for a new bridge over the Macquarie River in Dubbo. Roads and Maritime Services has identified the River Street option as the preferred route. The River Street option would continue from Thompson Street, near the Newell Highway, along a new road and follow the western river bank travelling north. It would then cross the river to connect to the Newell Highway near River Street in north Dubbo.

Background

The Newell Highway is the longest highway in NSW. This main north-south route runs through Dubbo, including crossing the Macquarie River over Emile Serisier Bridge. This bridge crosses the river at a low level and is under water when the river floods, causing the bridge to close. In May 2016 community comment was invited on six possible options for a new bridge. All community and stakeholder feedback was considered and in September 2016, six options were shortlisted to three.

Feedback from the community and a number of specialist studies have been used to select the preferred option. More information about the options and completed investigations is available in a preferred option report which can be viewed at rms.work/dubbobridge

Project benefits

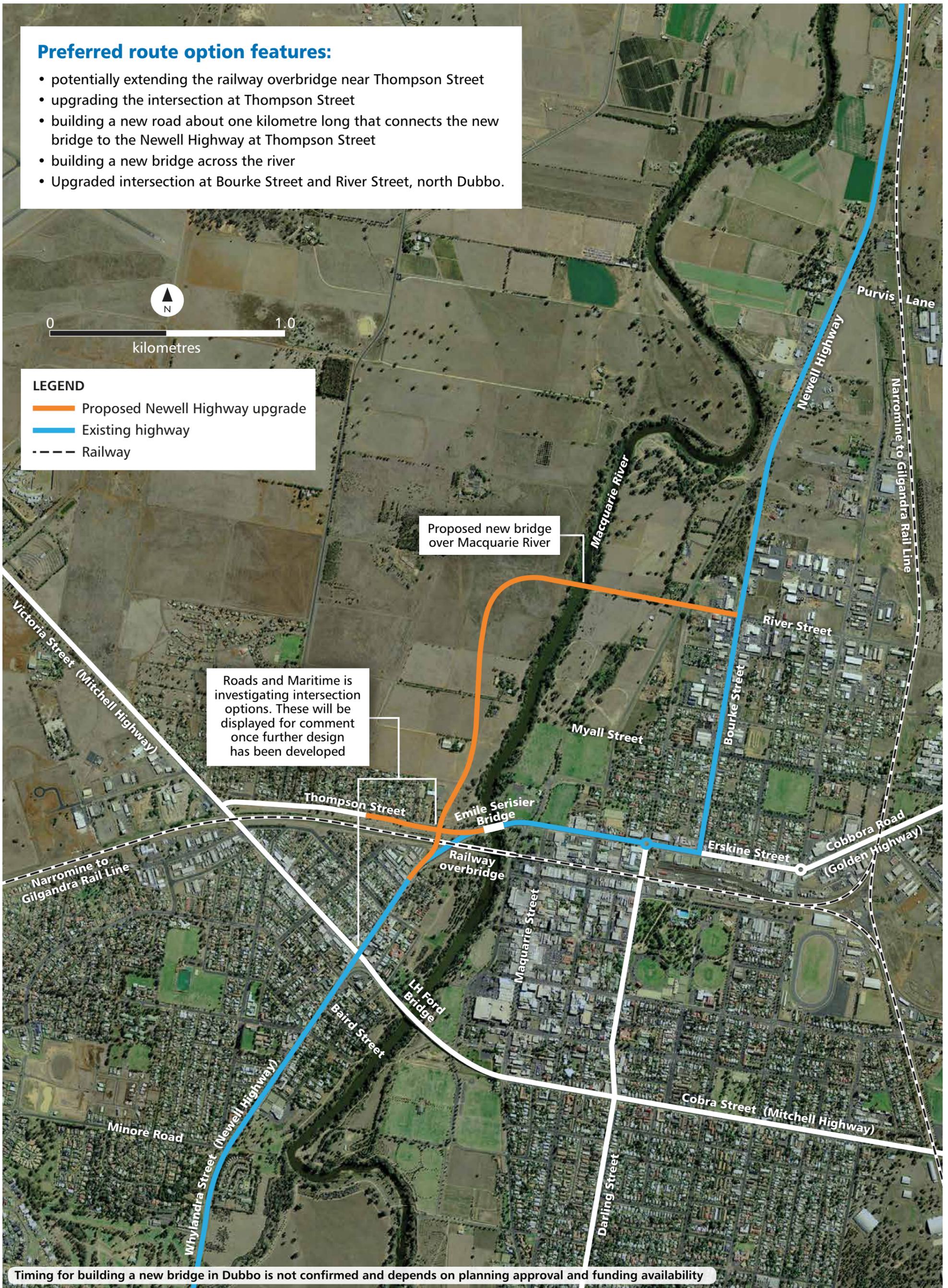
The new bridge will:

- provide another river crossing and improve traffic flow during a flood
- provide access from the north into Dubbo's CBD during a flood
- improve traffic flow in Dubbo and reduce average traffic delays
- improve local and freight traffic access across the river
- provide access for future growth in north west Dubbo
- improve heavy vehicle access.

The preferred route option

Preferred route option features:

- potentially extending the railway overbridge near Thompson Street
- upgrading the intersection at Thompson Street
- building a new road about one kilometre long that connects the new bridge to the Newell Highway at Thompson Street
- building a new bridge across the river
- Upgraded intersection at Bourke Street and River Street, north Dubbo.



Project objectives

The River Street option meets the project objectives to improve:

- freight efficiency and productivity for the Newell Highway
- access for high productivity vehicles (double road trains, B-triples, AB triples) through Dubbo, including during a flood
- local traffic flow and safety.



Improving traffic flow



Improve travel speeds

Involving the community

We will continue to work with the community and stakeholders during the planning process. Opportunities to give further feedback will be provided during concept design and environmental assessment stages.

Drop in sessions

Come by anytime to view the preferred option and speak with the project team at any of the following locations:

Dubbo Farmers Markets (Cnr Macquarie St and Newell Highway)

Saturday 3 June 2017, 8am-12pm

Band Rotunda (Macquarie Street)

Thursday 8 June 2017, 10am-2pm

Dubbo City Centre (at top of escalator)

Wednesday 14 June 2017, 12.30-4.30pm

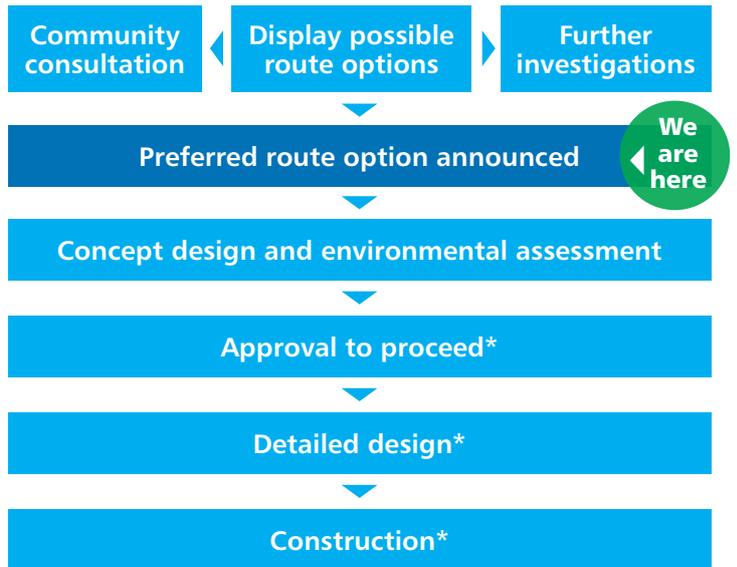
Orana Mall (in front of Connor Clothing)

Friday 23 June 2017, 10am-2pm

Monday 26 June 2017, 12-4pm

What happens next?

We are carrying out consultation with affected landowners and key stakeholders, including Dubbo Regional Council. We will develop a concept design including intersection details and carry out an environmental assessment. The community will be invited to provide feedback during both design and environmental assessment.



*Timing subject to approval and funding availability

Find out more

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