Newell Highway upgrade at Coonabarabran
Community Update
May 2019

The NSW Government is committed to improving connectivity and safety for all road users including freight vehicles along the Newell Highway.

Roads and Maritime Services is in the planning phase of developing a Newell Highway upgrade at Coonabarabran that will reduce travel time and increase safety of road users and pedestrians. The project will improve freight productivity and provide the community with an efficient connection to major regional facilities.

Project objectives

- Upgrade the Newell Highway to support more efficient and productive movement of freight
- Improve access to and from major regional facilities as well as existing residential and commercial areas
- Improve travel efficiency for local and regional road users by catering for the mix of vehicles travelling the Newell
- Minimise disruption to road users from road closures, recognising particular needs of the community with no alternate access
- Enhance road safety for all users with improved design features.

Preferred route options being considered include one in town option travelling along the current Newell and two bypass options to the East of town.
Features

- Route options for construction of a Bypass East of town
- Route option for upgrading the existing Newell Highway in town
- Widen the highway
- Upgrade the road
- New bridge over the Castlereagh River (for Bypass options)
- Newell Highway and Oxley Highway intersection upgrade.

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 as we determine the preferred option and during concept design and environmental assessment stages.

Project benefits

- Reduce travel time
- Improving freight productivity
- Reduce costs for vehicle operators
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Reduce conflict between local traffic and heavy vehicles
- Connecting rural communities to major regional facilities
- Improve motorist and pedestrian safety.

Specific to Bypass option:

- Reduce noise and air pollution in town for bypass options
- Less trucks on local streets.
Heading south into Coonabarabran

Newell Highway Oxley Highway intersection

Current Newell Highway through town

B-Double route via Newell Hwy

Wide load bypass

Heading south into Coonabarabran
Drop in sessions
You may like to view the three options and speak with the project team at the following times:

Volunteer Rescue Association, Castlereagh Street
Thursday 16 May
4pm–6pm

Friday 17 May
11am–2pm

Thursday 23 May
5pm–7pm

Friday 24 May
11am–2pm

Unstaffed display locations
Warrumbungle Shire Council
14–22 John Street
Coonabarabran NSW 2357

Macquarie Regional Library
John Street
Coonabarabran NSW 2357

Next steps

Preliminary investigations

Development and display of strategic options

Select preferred option

Concept design and environmental impact assessment

Detailed design

Pre-construction activities

Award tender

Construction

Pending funding

Funded

Find out more

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