Have your say – Intersection upgrade at Empire Bay Drive, The Scenic Road and Cochrone Street, Kincumber

The NSW Government has provided $1 million funding to continue planning for a proposal to improve traffic flow at this intersection.

Roads and Maritime Services is seeking your feedback on a proposal to replace the existing roundabout at the Empire Bay Drive, The Scenic Road and Cochrone Street intersection with traffic lights.

The proposal will reduce congestion and improve traffic flow and travel times for the 25,000 motorists travelling along Empire Bay Drive between Kerta Road and Avoca Drive each day.

We have included a map to help better explain the proposal. The work will include provision of a traffic light controlled intersection with:

- Two through lanes in both directions on Empire Bay Drive
- Dedicated right turn lanes from Empire Bay Drive onto The Scenic Road and Cochrone Street
- A dedicated left turn lane from Empire Bay Drive onto The Scenic Road
- Dedicated right turn lanes from The Scenic Road and Cochrone Street onto Empire Bay Drive
- Traffic light controlled pedestrian crossings on all legs of the intersection. The adjoining footpaths near the intersection on The Scenic Road and Empire Bay Drive will be re-built as part of the project
- Provision of on-road cycle facilities on Empire Bay Drive and Cochrone Street
- Shared pathway along Empire Bay Drive to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists

The project will require road widening to provide the additional lanes at the intersection which will increase capacity. We are currently investigating the extent of this widening but it will involve removal of vegetation and relocation of utilities to provide the necessary space for the proposed upgrade. As the project is in the early planning stages, more information about these changes and impacts to the surrounding area will be provided to the community as the design progresses.

Roads and Maritime is also developing a proposal to upgrade Avoca Drive between Boora Boora Road and Joalah Road at Kincumber. This project is expected to be displayed for community comment in mid 2016.
Drop-in information session
The community is invited to find out more about the project and to provide feedback to the project team at a drop-in information session to be held on **11 May 2016** from **4pm to 7pm** at Kincumber Library, 3 Bungoona Road, Kincumber NSW 2251.

How can you give feedback?
We encourage you to send us your comments by **27 May 2016** to:

By mail: Peter Talbot  
Roads and Maritime Services  
Locked Bag 2030  
Newcastle NSW 2300

By email: peter.j.talbot@rms.nsw.gov.au

We will carefully consider your feedback and continue to keep you updated as the project progresses.

Next steps
Upcoming planning activities include:

- Finalise the strategic design
- Progress development of the concept design and review of environmental factors
- Community and stakeholder consultation.

Contact
If you have any questions, please call our Project Manager Peter Talbot on 02 4924 0676 or peter.j.talbot@rms.nsw.gov.au. For more information visit rms.nsw.gov.au/empirebaydrive.
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