Epping Town Centre Project 1: Intersection improvements at Beecroft Road and Carlingford Road, Epping

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The NSW Government is funding this project through the Housing Acceleration Fund to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion to support population growth in the area in the future.

Background

Epping Town Centre is one of the NSW Government’s Urban Activation Precincts. The program aims to deliver more homes in places with access to infrastructure, transport, services and jobs. Roads and Maritime Services is proposing two projects to support the development of this precinct, including:

- Project 1: Upgrading the Beecroft Road and Carlingford Road intersection
- Project 2: Epping Road widening between Essex Street and Blaxland Road

Roads and Maritime has carried out community consultation for both projects. Construction of Project 1 will start Monday 21 March.

Project benefits

The key benefits of Project 1 include:

- Improved traffic flow
- Reduced traffic congestion with new turning and slip lanes
- Improved pedestrian access.
Project 1: Upgrading the Beecroft Road and Carlingford Road intersection

Roads and Maritime sought comments from the community and stakeholders on Project 1 in August 2014. Further consultation was carried out in October 2014 to seek feedback about some proposed modifications to the detailed design. We received 148 comments from the community across the two consultation periods and have provided responses directly to them, and also published a Community Consultation Report. Key matters raised included design changes to the intersection of Ray Road/Rawson Street and Carlingford Road, and concerns about traffic impacts and proposed changes to pedestrian crossings.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to consider our proposal and provide feedback. Following a review of the comments we have decided to proceed with the proposal. The work will include:

- Widening Beecroft Road on the eastern side of the intersection
- Providing an additional right turn lane from Beecroft Road southbound into Carlingford Road
- Providing a third southbound lane on Beecroft Road north of Carlingford Road
- Upgrading the left turn slip lane from Carlingford Road into Beecroft Road
- Providing a new traffic light pedestrian crossing on the western side of the intersection
- Building a 90 metre long retaining wall on the eastern side of Beecroft Road next to the rail corridor
- Upgrading traffic islands and traffic control signals
- Property adjustments
- Utility relocations
- Removing vegetation.

Start of work

Construction work will start on Monday 21 March and take about 11 months to complete. The first stage will include surveying, establishing utility connections and demolishing existing median islands. We will update the community on the next stage as the project progresses.

Our day work hours will be Mondays to Fridays between 7am and 6pm and Saturdays between 8am and 1pm. We will also carry out some night work between 8pm and 5am, excluding Saturdays.

Our proposed work schedule is:

**Week 1 – Week 3** – Less noisy work including setting up environmental mitigation measures, locating and marking existing utilities, drilling and reinstating to locate services, and installing and relocating overhead power lines and street lights

**Week 4 – Week 15** – Noisy work including removing existing road pavement, relocating and connecting utilities, demolishing existing median islands and building new pavement

**Week 14 – Week 25** – Less noisy work including installing barriers, pilling, building a retaining wall, shotcreting and excavating

**Week 26 – Week 31** – Noisy work including removing existing road pavement and building new pavement, saw cutting, jackhammering and installing stormwater drainage

**Week 32 – Week 40** – Less noisy work including building new concrete medians, installing traffic lights, building footpaths and pram ramps, installing signage, removing and replacing asphalt and line marking.

Noise

There will be some noise associated with this work. We will make every effort to minimise its impact by arranging the noisiest work before 11pm.

Intersection of Carlingford Road and Beecroft Road, Epping
Temporary traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes 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 the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Have your say

Roads and Maritime Services is seeking your feedback by Tuesday 5 April on a proposal to work up to five nights a week over an 11 month period from April between 8pm and 5am, excluding Saturdays and public holidays, weather permitting.

We expect a maximum of 85 night shifts across the duration of work where noisier activities will be carried out.

Noisier work will only take place between 8pm and midnight with less noisy construction work between midnight and 5am. We have included an explanation of the types of activities and equipment that will be used.

Noisier construction activities and equipment:
- Saw cutting concrete
- Jackhammering
- Breaking up concrete
- Removing asphalt
- Cutting trees with chainsaw

Less noisy construction activities and equipment:
- Line marking
- Loading and unloading trucks Reversing alarms
- Compacting new road layers and laying concrete
- Scanning for utilities
- Drilling holes and excavation
- Milling existing asphalt.
Update on Project 2: Epping Road upgrade

Roads and Maritime sought feedback from the community on the proposal to widen Epping Road westbound between Essex Street and Blaxland Road in August 2014. A second consultation period was carried out in December 2014.

We received 218 comments from the community across the two consultation periods. Matters raised included access to North Epping, traffic connectivity due to the proposed removal of the right turn from Langston Place onto Epping Road, and potential increased traffic on local roads and safety for school students.

Further consultation was carried out in November 2015. Roads and Maritime is reviewing feedback from this round of consultation and is preparing a Submissions Report and will provide responses directly to community members who have made a comment.