

About the project

The NSW Government has committed \$45 million in funding to upgrade the Great Western Highway between Kelso and Raglan, following the initial \$30 million announced in June 2018 to improve safety and efficiency, and reduce travel time along this section of the highway.

What is happening now?

Transport for NSW are currently finalising the design, contracts and tenders and preparing for the start of construction. A comprehensive online information session is also being prepared so local contractors have all the information they need to tender for work.

How can local suppliers and contractors tender for work?

Transport for NSW are committed to providing opportunities for local contractors and suppliers to tender for work. We are hosting an online supplier information session on Monday 28 September for contractors and suppliers to find out what opportunities are being offered as part of the project.

Local and Regional businesses are encouraged to register their interest to receive tender packages.

To find out more or register your interest in attending the event [click here](#).

When is the project starting?

Following the online supplier information session, tender packages will be issued from Friday 2 October. Once contracts are awarded, the project will progress through to construction.

The project team will keep you updated as the project progresses.

What are the project benefits?

The project aims to improve road safety for all road users over the length of the project by:

- Reduced congestion, particularly during major events and holiday periods
- A much smoother drive and reduced road maintenance requirements
- Improved access to Bathurst Airport
- Improved connections for regional communities
- Improved road safety for all road users
- Improved flood immunity of the highway
- Improved pedestrian and bicycle access to Kelso

What are the project features?

- New, stronger and smoother highway for 3.6 kilometres from Kelso to the east of Raglan
- Two lanes in each direction from Ashworth Drive to Napoleon Street
- Two lanes eastbound and one lane westbound from Napoleon Street to the east of Ceramic Avenue
- Safer turning paths at intersections with the highway
- Removing the right turn from the Highway into property accesses to improve safety and reduce the risk of collision
- Installing traffic lights at the PJ Moodie intersection to improve access and safety
- Installation of a shared footpath from Ashworth Drive to Eugenie Street.

Will the speed limit remain at 80 km/h?

Yes. The project has been designed to maintain the current 80 km/h speed limit. This will ensure travel times and traffic efficiency is maintained on the Great Western Highway.

Why are traffic lights needed at PJ Moodie Intersection?

Traffic lights will maintain safety and efficiency through Raglan, with phasing giving priority to traffic on the Great Western Highway whilst providing safe access to and from local roads and for cross movements. Red signals on the Great Western Highway will only be triggered when vehicles approach the highway from PJ Moodie Memorial Drive and Eugenie Street.

Why is there a U-turn bay on Eugenie Street?

The U-turn bay on Eugenie Street has been designed to provide a safer solution for residents between Eugenie Street and Nile Street to access their properties when travelling east. The project team has and will continue to consult with the community and impacted residents.

Will properties be acquired to carry out the project?

Yes. Transport for NSW identified all impacted properties and has been communicating with owners for some time. Individual meetings and communication with all owners is ongoing and Transport for NSW will continue to work with them as the project progresses.

How long will the project take to build?

From the start of construction, the project is expected to take around two and a half years to build, weather permitting.

Why are you proposing to eliminate right in, right out movements?

It is our highest priority to ensure the safety of all road users. When considering how to reduce congestion on the State's main roads, we weigh up all the competing demands at an intersection and on the wider corridors we're trying to improve. The upgrades we are proposing give priority to the through traffic movement along the highway, a key east-west connection between Bathurst and the Blue Mountains.

We are proposing to eliminate right in, right out movement on a section of Sydney Road from PJ Moodie Intersection to Napoleon Street where centre barriers will be installed. These changes will improve safety and traffic flow.

Will trees be removed to widen the road?

Yes, a select number of trees will need to be removed. We are working with arborists and ecologists to determine the extent of the tree removal.

A 'Review of Environmental Factors' has been prepared to assess the project's environmental impacts and outlines what measures we will take to manage and mitigate these impacts.

How can I find out more information?

If you have any questions or would like more information on the project, please contact our project team or visit our project website:

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