We are upgrading the Princes Highway with the removal of the tidal flow arrangement and providing road widening with an extra lane, near Torrens Street, Blakehurst. The NSW Government is funding this project as part of its $300 million Gateway to the South Pinch Points program which will improve traffic flow on Sydney’s key southern road corridors by upgrading major intersections.

Transport for NSW will be removing the tidal flow arrangement on Princes Highway.

The tidal flow arrangement allows traffic on one more lane of Princes Highway to travel in either direction, depending on demand.

This project will provide motorists with a permanent solution to traffic congestion, by adding an extra lane to provide capacity and assist with journey times. With added pedestrian crossings at Torrens Street, Bunyala Street and Water Street, a new median and realigned services, we are providing for residents of Blakehurst.
How will the work affect you?
There may be some noise and disruption associated with this work including project vehicle movements, jack hammering and the use of earthmoving equipment. We will make every effort to minimise noise and disruption, for example, completing noisier tasks before midnight.

Residential and business access will be maintained, however there may be some disruption to normal access. We will notify impacted residents and businesses in advance of any changes to property access.

Our work schedule
Following on from property acquisition and demolition works in April 2020, from October to January, our works include:
• Soil sampling and classification
• Existing pavement investigations
• Service locating
• Tree removal and protection
• Preparatory earthworks
• Traffic control
• Property adjustments
• New service installation

We will be working for up to five nights a week between Tuesday 6 October and Monday 21 January, weather permitting.

Our day work hours will be between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday and Saturday between 8am and 1pm. Our night work hours will be between 8pm and 5am Sunday to Friday. We will not be working on public holidays.

We have designed our work schedule so the project can be completed as quickly as possible, limiting the impact on the local community. Work will be carried out during the day and at night to minimise traffic disruption and reduce health and safety risks to workers.

You will be kept informed as work progresses with updates and you will be notified of any changes to our work schedule. Work is forecast to be completed in mid-2022.

Work will include:
• Widening Princes Highway between James Street and south of Torrens Street to accommodate the removal of the existing tidal flow arrangement
• building an extra lane to allow for four northbound lanes and three southbound lanes between James Street and south of Torrens Street
• installing new signalised pedestrian crossings on Bunyala, Water and Torrens Street
• realigning the access into Torrens Street and Church Street from the Princes Highway
• adjusting the access into the Church Street car park from Church Street and relocating the water bubbler
• relocating the existing north bound bus stop on Princes Highway closer to the Church Street car park
• adjusting existing footpaths on Princes Highway, Torrens Street and Church Street
• relocating the existing lighting, utilities, signage and drainage
• tree removal, significant and larger tree protection and retention and landscaping.
Our Environment

Construction will require tree removal, particularly along the boundary of Todd Park. Working closely with arborists, utility providers, and Council representatives we will minimise impacts as much as possible, by using sophisticated construction methods, such as underboring, non-destructive digging and dry-vacuum excavation methods in an effort to retain the more significant and larger trees. Where removal could not be avoided, we have reached agreement with Georges River Council to provide $60,000 to put towards tree planting in the local area, including street trees and within Carss Bush Park.

Traffic changes

There will be temporary traffic changes during our work hours to ensure the work zone is safe.

Please keep to speed limits and follow signs and traffic controller directions. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW app.

Contact us

If you have any questions, please contact our delivery partner Ward Civil during business hours:

1800 897 841
projects@wardcivil.com.au
nswroads.work/torrens

Thank you for your patience during this time.

Translating and Interpreting Service

If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131 450 and ask them to telephone Transport for NSW on 1800 897 841.

Cantonese

若你需要口譯員，請致電131 450，聯絡翻譯口譯服務署 (TIS National)，要求他們致電 1800 897 841，聯絡Transport for NSW。

Mandarin

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