



Aerial view of the intersection, August 2014

M1 Pacific Motorway upgrade at the Weakleys Drive and John Renshaw Drive intersection at Beresfield

Roads and Maritime Services is planning to upgrade the M1 Pacific Motorway, Weakleys Drive and John Renshaw Drive intersection at Beresfield. The proposal involves replacing the existing roundabout with traffic lights to improve traffic flow, travel times and safety for motorists.

Stakeholders and the community are invited to comment on the proposal by **14 June 2015**.

Roads and Maritime will consider this feedback when carrying out the concept design and review of environmental factors.

Background

The M1 Pacific Motorway is an important link in the National Land Transport Network and is part of the Sydney to Brisbane corridor, which is one of the busiest transport corridors in Australia.

This intersection is the critical connection between the M1, Pacific Highway, New England Highway and local industrial and commercial precincts.

The existing two lane roundabout is used by about 4000 vehicles per hour in peak periods and cannot effectively cater for the current level of demand.

The proposal is part of the Australian and NSW governments' jointly funded M1 Pacific Motorway Productivity Package which also includes upgrading the M1 between the Tuggerah and Doyalson interchanges and between the Kariang and Somersby interchanges. More information about these projects is available at rms.nsw.gov.au.

In addition, planning is underway for a future extension of the M1 Pacific Motorway to Raymond Terrace. The intersection proposal considers the potential impact of a future extension.

The proposal

The proposed upgrade involves:

- Replacing the roundabout with traffic lights
- Two through lanes on all approaches
- Extending the two northbound lanes on Weakleys Drive to the Enterprise Drive roundabout
- Right turn lanes on all approaches, including two from the M1 to John Renshaw Drive
- Left turn lanes on all approaches
- On and off-road provision for cyclists
- Future provision for pedestrian crossings when required.

The proposal requires road widening into the informal car park on the southwest corner of the intersection, which operates as a Driver Reviver facility during holiday periods. Roads and Maritime is investigating alternate sites for the Driver Reviver.

Benefits of the proposal

Key benefits of the proposal include:

- Improved traffic capacity and safety at the intersection
- Improved traffic flow and more reliable travel times through the intersection
- Compatibility with future upgrades across the road network, including the proposed extension of the M1 Pacific Motorway to Raymond Terrace.

Construction impacts

The proposed upgrade would involve a range of construction activities that may be disruptive for motorists and nearby businesses. These impacts may include:

- Temporary traffic disruption, increased delays and changed conditions at the intersection
- Small reduction in surrounding native vegetation
- Loss of the informal car park on the southwest corner
- Reduced road work speed zones
- Some night work involving lights and construction noise.

Involving the community and stakeholders

Roads and Maritime will work with the community and stakeholders during the planning process to understand issues and minimise potential impacts of the proposed upgrade.

Stakeholders and the community are invited to comment on the proposal by **14 June 2015**.

Roads and Maritime will consider the feedback received when developing the concept design and review of environmental factors.

Next steps

Upcoming planning activities include:

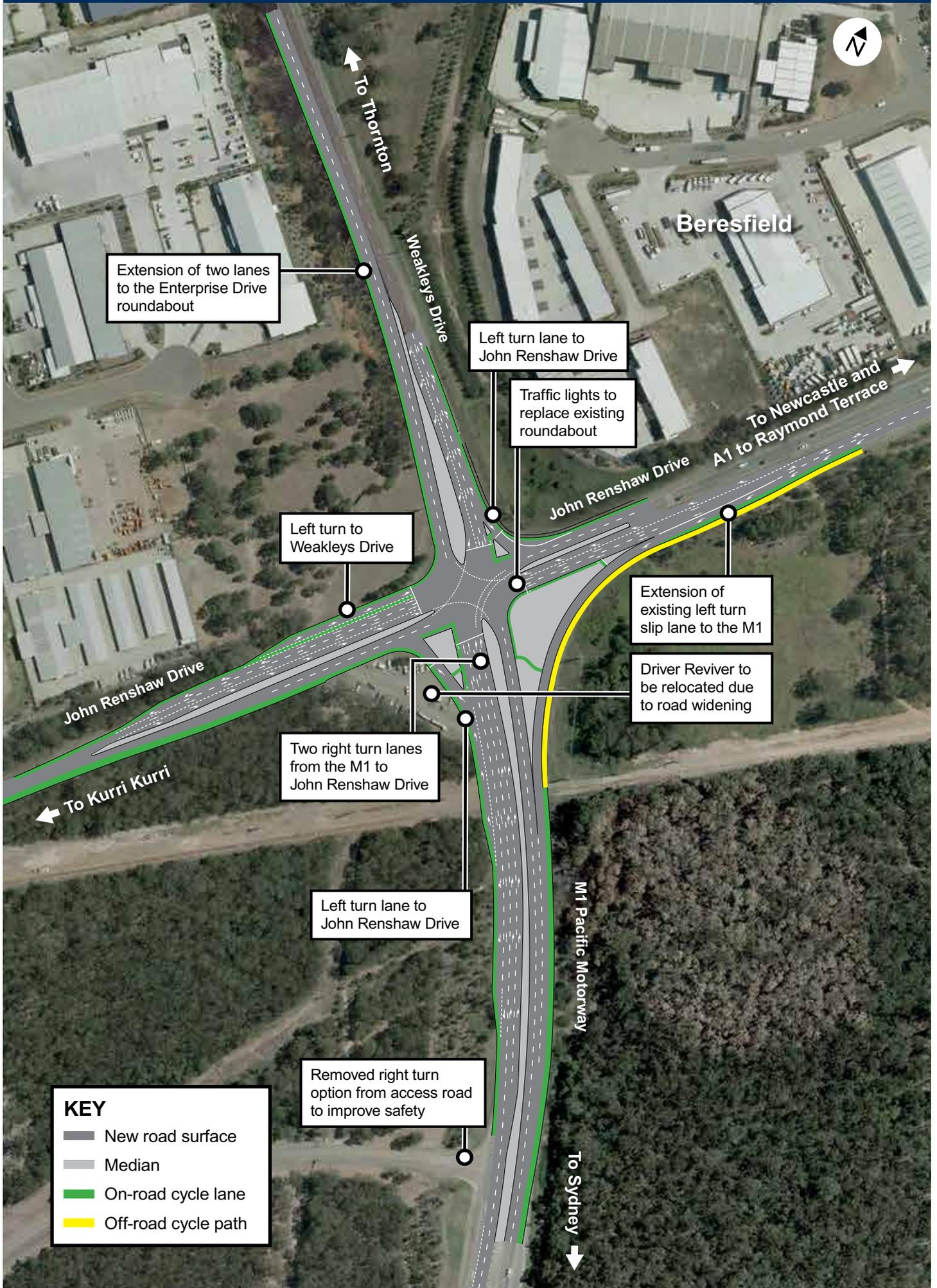
- Community and stakeholder discussions
- Consultation with nearby businesses and residents
- Carrying out the concept design and review of environmental factors.

Subject to planning approval, the project would be constructed by 2019.

Afternoon queue on the M1 approaching the intersection, April 2015



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Project development process



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Comments on the proposal are invited until
14 June 2015.

Community information session

Stakeholders and the community are invited to a drop-in information session on **Saturday 30 May 2015** between 9am and 12 noon at:

East Maitland Library
3 Garnett Road
East Maitland

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