Safety improvements at the New England Highway, Rutherford from April 2020

The NSW Government is investing in a project to improve safety and travel times between Aberglasslyn Road and John Street.

Transport for NSW will start work on the safety improvements in April 2020.

We have included a map to show the work which will involve:

- extending the right turn lane on the New England Highway by 70 metres for motorists turning right into Aberglasslyn Road from the east. This would improve traffic flow along the highway, by providing additional space for vehicles wanting to turn right into Aberglasslyn Road.
- installing a new raised concrete median to prevent vehicles from making a right turn movement into South Street from the highway. South Street will become a left in and left out only.
- improving line markings and resurfacing the highway
- removing the right turn movement into Walter Street for motorists travelling east on the highway. Signage will be installed to remind motorists that they can no longer turn right at this intersection.
- installing a new pedestrian refuge on South Street to allow pedestrians to cross one direction of traffic at a time.

Eastbound motorists wanting to access South Street and Walter Street from the highway can do so by using the traffic lights located at the John Street intersection and travelling west along Gillies Street.

Community feedback

Transport sought feedback from the community and stakeholders on the proposal between Monday 25 November and Friday 6 December 2019. We would like to thank everyone who took time to provide feedback.

A total of 52 submissions were received during the consultation period and included concerns about:

- traffic light phasing at the Aberglasslyn Road intersection
- access to Telarah and potential impacts for customers and businesses due to changes to the South Street intersection
- increased traffic on the local road network due to banning right turn movements into South Street and Walter Street.
- motorist safety due to traffic congestion and safety along this section of the highway
- access for emergency vehicles during peak traffic
- prioritisation of this project over other traffic congestion and safety issues in Maitland.

A Community Consultation Report summarising the comments, responses and details of the decision is available to view on our website at roads-maritime.transport.nsw.gov.au.
Work schedule and traffic changes

The community will be notified of our work schedule before work starts. We expect to complete most of the work at night to minimise impacts to traffic.

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our Project Manager, Viet Nguyen on 02 4908 7724 or viet.nguyen@rms.nsw.gov.au.

For more information on our projects, visit rms.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

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Key:
- Road resurfacing
- Improved line markings
- Concrete median and pedestrian refuge
- New signage

- Raised concrete median
- Extended right turn lane
- Left turn in and out only
- New pedestrian refuge
- New signage removing the right turn movement into Walter Street