

Start of work at the New England Highway, Cessnock Road and Church Street roundabout, Maitland from Sunday 2 June

The NSW Government is investing in this upgrade at the roundabout to improve traffic flow and travel times.

Roads and Maritime Services will carry out the first stage of work, which includes installing traffic lights on the eastbound approach to the New England Highway and Church Street roundabout to help reduce westbound queues. We have included a diagram to help explain the project.

Traffic queue detectors will be installed on the New England Highway westbound approach to trigger the traffic lights to stop eastbound traffic during busy times, particularly in the afternoon peak. Detectors will also be installed on the eastbound approach to monitor traffic delays.

The traffic lights will help to better manage traffic in the afternoon peak by providing more frequent gaps between vehicles to allow westbound traffic to travel through the roundabout.

Work also includes widening Cessnock Road to extend the left lane by around 100 metres to near the U-turn bay. This will improve traffic flow and reduce the queue length on Cessnock Road in the morning peak by providing additional lane capacity for traffic traveling through the roundabout to Church Street.

We will be working between **7pm** and **5am** from **Sunday to Thursday** and expect to complete the work in **five weeks**, weather permitting. We will let you know in advance if we need to do any work outside these times.

How will the work affect you?

The work will involve the use of machinery which generates some noise. We will make every effort to minimise noise by completing noisier activities earlier in the night and turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use.

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe. Lane closures and a 40km/h speed limit will be in place during work hours 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.

Stage 2 improvements

Roads and Maritime is planning additional traffic management changes for the roundabout and the nearby road network. This first stage of work will provide traffic flow improvements in the short-term while design work continues on the Stage 2 improvements. The community will be invited to comment on any additional changes later this year.

Contact

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