

Project update for New England Highway, Church Street and Cessnock Road roundabout, Maitland

The NSW Government is investing \$1 million this financial year to plan and deliver traffic improvements for the roundabout.

Transport for NSW has developed a proposal to improve traffic flow and reduce travel times on the New England Highway during the afternoon peak. The first stage of work was completed in early 2020.

Transport sought comments from the community and stakeholders on the proposed second stage of work in November and December 2019. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to consider our proposal and provide feedback.

We have prepared a Community Consultation Report, which summarises the feedback and our responses. A copy of this report is available at nswroads.work/maitland or by contacting our Project Manager, Viet Nguyen on 02 4908 7724 or viet.nguyen@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Community feedback

We received 130 submissions about a range of issues including:

- support for the proposal
- suggestions about the design of the proposal
- concerns about increased congestion and impacts to the local road network
- suggestion for a westbound flyover
- concerns about flooding.

Traffic modelling carried out shows the proposal is expected to reduce delay times for westbound motorists by around 80 per cent during afternoon peak hours.

The lane configuration changes at the roundabout will also increase the capacity of the roundabout and allow more motorists to travel through the roundabout during each traffic light phase.

The preferred option can be delivered in the short term, during the second half of 2020, and will have no impacts to surrounding properties or Maitland Park.

The improvements will provide travel time benefits for road users sooner, while the traffic modelling shows the upgraded roundabout will continue to operate effectively into the future.

Transport will continue to monitor traffic volumes and land use in the Maitland area.

What happens next?

Following a review of the comments, we have decided to proceed with the proposal. We are currently completing some additional investigations for Church Street and will then finalise the design.

We will notify the community before work starts. Work on the second stage of the project is expected to start in the second half of 2020.

Contact

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

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