Upgrade of the New England Highway, Rutherford from March 2020

The NSW Government is investing $6.1 million to improve travel times and safety between Racecourse Road and Anambah Road.

Transport for NSW will start work on the upgrade in late March 2020. The work will involve providing two lanes in each direction between Racecourse Road and Anambah Road to improve traffic flow and safety as well as cater for expected residential and commercial growth in the area.

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

- widening the New England Highway between Racecourse Road and Anambah Road to provide an additional travel lane in each direction and wider shoulders
- resurfacing the highway between Racecourse Road and Anambah Road to provide a smoother surface
- installing a new raised median to help prevent vehicles from crossing over to the wrong side of the road
- building new bus bays on both sides of the highway, east of Racecourse Road, to improve access to public transport
- removing the right turn movement out of Primewest Rutherford to improve traffic flow and safety for motorists entering the highway from the commercial precinct. This movement will become left in and left out only
- introducing parking restrictions along the service road to maintain large vehicle movements into adjacent properties.

Community feedback

Transport for NSW sought feedback from the community and stakeholders on the proposal in between Wednesday 4 September and Wednesday 18 September 2019. We would like to thank everyone who took time to provide feedback.

A total of 61 submissions were received during the consultation period and included concerns about:

- pedestrian, cyclist and motorist safety along this section of the highway
- current 60km/h speed limit along this section of the highway
- traffic flow and congestion at the Racecourse Road and Anambah Road roundabouts
- potential impacts of changes to the right turn movement out of Primewest Rutherford for customers and businesses
- better outcome could be achieved by installing traffic lights at Primewest Rutherford
- 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.

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, Todd Hainsworth on 02 4908 7667 or todd.hainsworth@transport.nsw.gov.au.

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Thank you for your patience during this important work.

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