

Northern Beaches Hospital – Connectivity and network enhancements

The project

The NSW Government is building the Northern Beaches Hospital, a world class health facility at Frenchs Forest which will utilise leading technologies to deliver the highest quality care.

The hospital will provide the people of the Northern Beaches with a modern purpose built facility providing surgical, medical, paediatric, obstetric and inpatient mental health services, a large emergency department and state-of-the-art digital technologies.

The facility will also be a centre of clinical excellence.

The NSW Government is working to develop road upgrades to improve traffic flow and increase capacity on the road network in time for the opening of the Northern Beaches Hospital in 2018.

The hospital will be located close to Warringah Road, Forest Way and Wakehurst Parkway which are major arterial roads serving Sydney's northern suburbs.

During the two hour morning peak period, an additional 900 vehicles are anticipated due to the opening of the hospital and planning is focusing on reducing congestion on the major arterial roads in this area.

The upgrades aim to provide customers with a better travelling experience and improve capacity on the road network around the hospital precinct.

Road widening, intersection upgrades, new pedestrian bridges and bus priority lanes are all options being considered to ensure the road network operates effectively to service the new hospital and reduce congestion.

Roads and Maritime will work with Warringah Council and the community to investigate and plan for the upgrades with regular updates for the community and stakeholders throughout the project. The community will be invited to give comment at key stages of the upgrade.

Roads and Maritime expects to complete road works to improve connectivity in time for the expected hospital opening in 2018, with further improvements to follow.

What's happening now?

Roads and Maritime has submitted an application to initiate the planning approval process for the upgrades to the road network around the proposed hospital through a staged infrastructure application for state significant infrastructure.

The application details road works to improve connectivity to the hospital with further planning to be carried out to address broader road network enhancement requirements. The network enhancement represents a first concept and is subject to change as we work with the community. A separate environmental assessment will be prepared seeking approval for the network enhancement work.

The application can be found on the Planning and Infrastructure's major projects website at majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au. There will be future opportunities to provide feedback.

Roads and Maritime is continuing investigations around Frenchs Forest Road, Wakehurst Parkway and Forest Way at Frenchs Forest.



Concept design only, view from north west

Area under investigation



Community involvement

Roads and Maritime will provide information and involve the community during the planning of the road upgrades. Information will be provided through community updates, advertisements, letters, community information sessions and website updates. Feedback will be invited through these channels and community information sessions and community displays.

You can email the Roads and Maritime project team on nbhroadwork@rms.nsw.gov.au and ask to be added to the stakeholder list to ensure you receive up-to-date information.

Consultation process



Frequently asked questions

Q. What is a state significant infrastructure application?

A specific assessment system has been created in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to consider planning decisions on projects classed as State Significant Infrastructure (SSI). Major infrastructure proposals, in particular linear infrastructure projects such as roads, railway lines or pipes which often cross a number of council boundaries, may be considered as SSI. SSI projects are assessed by Planning and Infrastructure, with input sought from local government, other NSW Government agencies and the community as part of the assessment process.

Q. Which sections of road are proposed to be upgraded as part of the connectivity works?

- Frenchs Forest Road East and West
- Wakehurst Parkway north of Warringah Road
- Warringah Road east of Allambie Road
- The Patanga and Allambie Road intersection
- Allambie Road north of Warringah Road
- The intersection of the Allambie Road and Warringah Road
- The Naree Road and Forest Way intersection
- Forest Way from Rabbett Street to Adams Street

Q. Which roads may be upgraded as part of the broader network enhancement works?

The community will be informed as potential upgrades are developed. The upgrade may include:

- Potential widening and upgrades along Warringah Road
- Potential widening of Allambie Road south of Warringah Road
- Potential for through traffic on Warringah Road to be separated from turning traffic at Forest Way by way of an underpass or overpass
- Potential for through traffic on Warringah Road to be separated from turning traffic at Wakehurst Parkway by way of an underpass or overpass
- Potentially connecting Aquatic Drive with Wakehurst Parkway
- Potentially providing access to the hospital via the intersection of Warringah Road and Hilmer Street

Following further investigation, Roads and Maritime will advise the community of the sections of road being considered.

Q. What types of work will be completed and when will connectivity enhancement work start?

Road widening, intersection upgrades, new pedestrian bridges and bus priority lanes are all options being considered to ensure the road network operates to service the new hospital and reduce congestion. Details of the proposed upgrades are available on the Planning and Infrastructure website and Roads and Maritime project page.

Q. Will there be property impacts in my street?

There may be property impacts to a number of streets where potential roadworks are proposed. The property impacts may include property acquisition and/or property adjustments. It is too early to identify the extent of the property impacts, however, Roads and Maritime will work closely with the community to minimise any impacts.

Q. Will Roads and Maritime consult with local businesses and schools and bus operators to ensure upgrade work does not impact on my community?

Extensive consultation is underway with stakeholders including meetings, door knocking, community updates and community information sessions with all feedback informing the project as it develops.

Other road upgrades under way in Sydney's northern suburbs

Narrabeen Bridge pedestrian safety upgrade

Roads and Maritime has carried out work to install pedestrian fencing on both sides of Narrabeen Bridge to separate pedestrians and cyclists from lanes of traffic and improve safety for all road users. Upgrade work started in February 2014 and was recently completed.

Wakehurst Parkway

Options to reduce the impact of flooding on the Wakehurst Parkway access to the hospital are being investigated in parallel with the hospital road upgrade work planning. Roads and Maritime is also carrying out planning for an extension of the southbound left turn lane into Frenchs Forest Road to improve traffic flow and safety for all road users.

Mona Vale Road widening and safety work

The preferred route for the upgrade of the 3.3km section between McCarrs Creek Road at Terrey Hills and Powder Works Road at Ingleside was announced in August 2013.

Planning is also under way for the upgrade of Mona Vale Road to four lanes between Manor Road at Ingleside and Foley Street at Mona Vale with consultation expected to start later this year. Work to develop concept designs, carry out geotechnical investigations and environmental assessments is under way.

Work to improve safety including new speed limit signs, improved signs on the steep descent and installed warning signs on the approach to the Ponderosa Parade/Samuel Street roundabout was completed in January this year after a fatal crash involving a tanker.

Early work to widen Mona Vale Road around the Ponderosa Parade and Samuel Street roundabout to improve overtaking opportunities is expected to be carried out from June this year. Work would include tree trimming, removal and replacement of signage before widening work and line marking starts.

Mona Vale Road Clearways

The Sydney Clearways Strategy identified Mona Vale Road, from Pacific Highway, Pymble, to Kitchener Street, St Ives, as a priority project for the introduction of a clearway to manage congestion. Roads and Maritime is carrying out consultation on a clearway proposal along Mona Vale Road in both directions on weekdays from 6am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm, and on weekends from 9am to 6pm.

Further information

For further information about the project, please contact the Roads and Maritime project team or visit the project web page.

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