

Gunnedah second road over rail bridge – Recommended option

Roads and Maritime Services has identified a refined Option C as the recommended option for a second road over rail bridge in Gunnedah. We now invite your feedback before a final decision is made.

The project

In 2013 Roads and Maritime displayed three options – A, B and C – for community comment. During this time we also consulted Gunnedah Shire Council, the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC), and Transport for New South Wales. Feedback provided during the comment period gave further insight into stakeholder views on the advantages and disadvantages of the options. Since this time Roads and Maritime has carried out a range of technical and environmental investigations to further assess these options.

For the project to meet its objectives of improving traffic efficiency and safety the New Street level crossing must be permanently closed when the new bridge is opened to traffic.

The impact of this closure on the Barber Street business precinct was a key concern raised by several Barber Street traders and Gunnedah Shire Council.

Feedback provided by the community combined with technical, environmental and social investigations has been carefully considered by the project team in identifying the recommended option.

Roads and Maritime has identified a refined Option C, which also provides access to Barber Street, that would will best serve the needs of Gunnedah in the future.

This option has additional impacts on private property not previously considered during the 2013 comment period. As such, we are seeking further community input before a final decision is made.

The recommended option is detailed on the map overleaf.

Recommended option

The refined Option C would be built over the rail line, west of the Gunnedah Maize Mill to connect the Oxley Highway roundabout with a new roundabout at the Conadilly and Warrabungle streets intersection. It would also maintain direct access to Barber Street.

The recommended option considered the environment, community and other constraints of the study area and was shown to:

- Have a reduced project footprint and minimised environmental effects near the Oxley Highway
- Avoid core koala habitat in the Wandobah Reserve
- Minimise Blackjack Creek flooding effects
- Maintain direct access to the Barber Street business precinct
- Be easier to build and have an improved curve and appropriate railway clearance for the future duplicated rail line
- Have improved efficiency by minimising impact to existing infrastructure, including the Oxley Highway roundabout, View Street connection and culvert across Blackjack Creek.

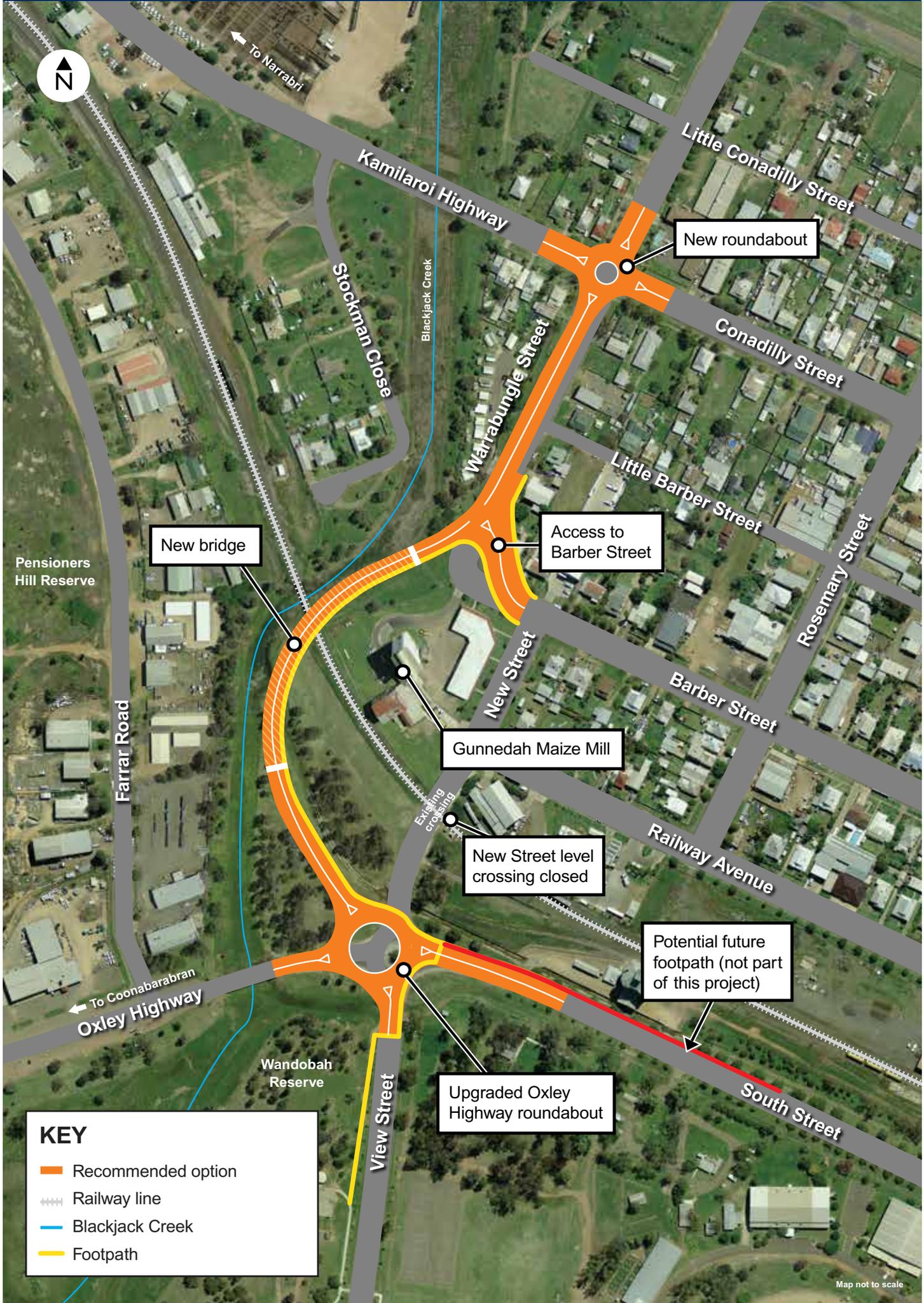
Roundabouts at each end of the recommended option would enable efficient traffic movement between the residential and commercial areas of Gunnedah.

Pedestrian and cycle access would also be provided.

In this community update:

- Map of the recommended option
- Why the recommended option was chosen
- Upcoming consultation activities.

Option C (Refined)



Have your say

Roads and Maritime has identified a refined Option C as the recommended option for a second road bridge over the rail line in Gunnedah. We now invite your feedback.

The project team will be available to answer your questions and receive your comments at the following times:

AgQuip Field Days – 19 to 21 August, Blackjack Road, west of Gunnedah.

Two community drop-in sessions:

When: Wednesday 27 August 2014
4–7pm (session 1)

Thursday 28 August
9am–12pm (session 2)

Where: **Gunnedah Town Hall**
Conadilly Street, Gunnedah

There will be no formal presentation.

Project information including the Recommended Option Report will also be on display at the following locations until 12 September 2014:

Gunnedah Shire Council
63 Eligin Street

Gunnedah Shire Library
291 Conadilly Street

Gunnedah Motor Registry
387 Conadilly Street

www.rms.nsw.gov.au

Do you have any further comments or suggestions? Is there anything you think is important and should be considered in finalising the preferred option?

Contact us

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Next steps

The recommended option is now on display for community comment. This feedback will be considered before a final decision is made later this year.



