

Gunnedah Second Road Over Rail Bridge Study Area

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The NSW Government has allocated \$16 million for a second road over rail bridge in Gunnedah that will provide a Higher Mass Limit (HML) route for heavy vehicles through Gunnedah.

The Oxley Highway, in this location, is a State road and connects Tamworth with Coonabarabran via Gunnedah.

With major coal development occurring in the Gunnedah basin, the length of coal trains has been increasing, causing extended delays at nearby level crossings in Gunnedah. There is the need to improve local and through traffic efficiency.

Initial investigations for the project will include:

- Meeting with adjacent landowners, business owners and key stakeholders.
- Mapping environmental constraints.
- Investigating technical and engineering issues.
- Developing concept options.

Current status of study

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has engaged KBR to develop concept options for the second rail overbridge.

The engagement will involve:

- Community consultation.
- Geotechnical investigations.
- Environmental investigations.
- Urban design.
- Heritage investigations.
- Flood impact investigations.

- Traffic studies and modelling.
- Noise studies and modelling.
- Preparing strategic concept designs.
- Identifying and assessing concept options.
- Determining a preferred option.

Following completion of the concept stage the project will proceed to detailed design and construction.

Study area

Investigations will focus within the proposed study area and will take into account wider impacts indicated on the plan opposite.

The aim of the initial investigation is to determine a preferred location for a second road over rail bridge within the study area in Gunnedah. The preferred concept option will meet the following objectives:

- Provide a HML route for heavy vehicles through Gunnedah.
- Improve local and through traffic efficiency.

More information

For more information or if you would like to be kept up to date with the projects progress, please contact the project team by –

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