

Start of work at the Stewart Avenue and King Street intersection, Newcastle West from Sunday 19 July 2020

The NSW Government is investing \$1.4 million for improvements at the intersection to improve traffic flow and increase traffic efficiency.

Transport for NSW is carrying out the work, which involves building a left turn slip-lane from Stewart Avenue onto King Street and installing a pedestrian crossing across the new slip lane. We have included a diagram to help explain the project.

This project is one of a number of intersection upgrades to improve traffic flow in the city centre following the introduction of the Newcastle Light Rail.

These improvements are needed to ensure the intersection continues to operate effectively into the future.

Our work schedule

We will be working between **7pm** and **5am** from **Sunday** to **Thursday**. Some work will also be carried out between **7am** and **5pm** from **Monday** to **Friday**. We expect to complete the work in **eight weeks**, weather permitting. We will let you know in advance if we need to do any work outside these times.

Birdwood Park

A number of options were investigated and we carefully considered the potential impact to the adjacent Birdwood Park.

The selected design for the left turn slip lane offers the required traffic efficiency benefits while minimising the impacts to trees in the park. We will be removing two large fig trees near the corner of the intersection and two smaller trees.

City of Newcastle planted a second row of fig trees in Birdwood Park some years ago in preparation for future road widening. We have consulted with Council and will be planting five replacement trees along Stewart Avenue as part of the work.

How will the work affect you?

This work will involve the use of machinery which will generate some noise. We will make every effort to minimise noise by turning off vehicles when not in use and minimise reversing beepers.

There will be some pedestrian impacts during the work. The signalised pedestrian crossings to Birdwood Park will be closed for the duration of the project.

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe. Lane closures and stop/slow traffic arrangements will be in place during work hours and may affect travel times. Motorists should allow up to five minutes extra travel time.

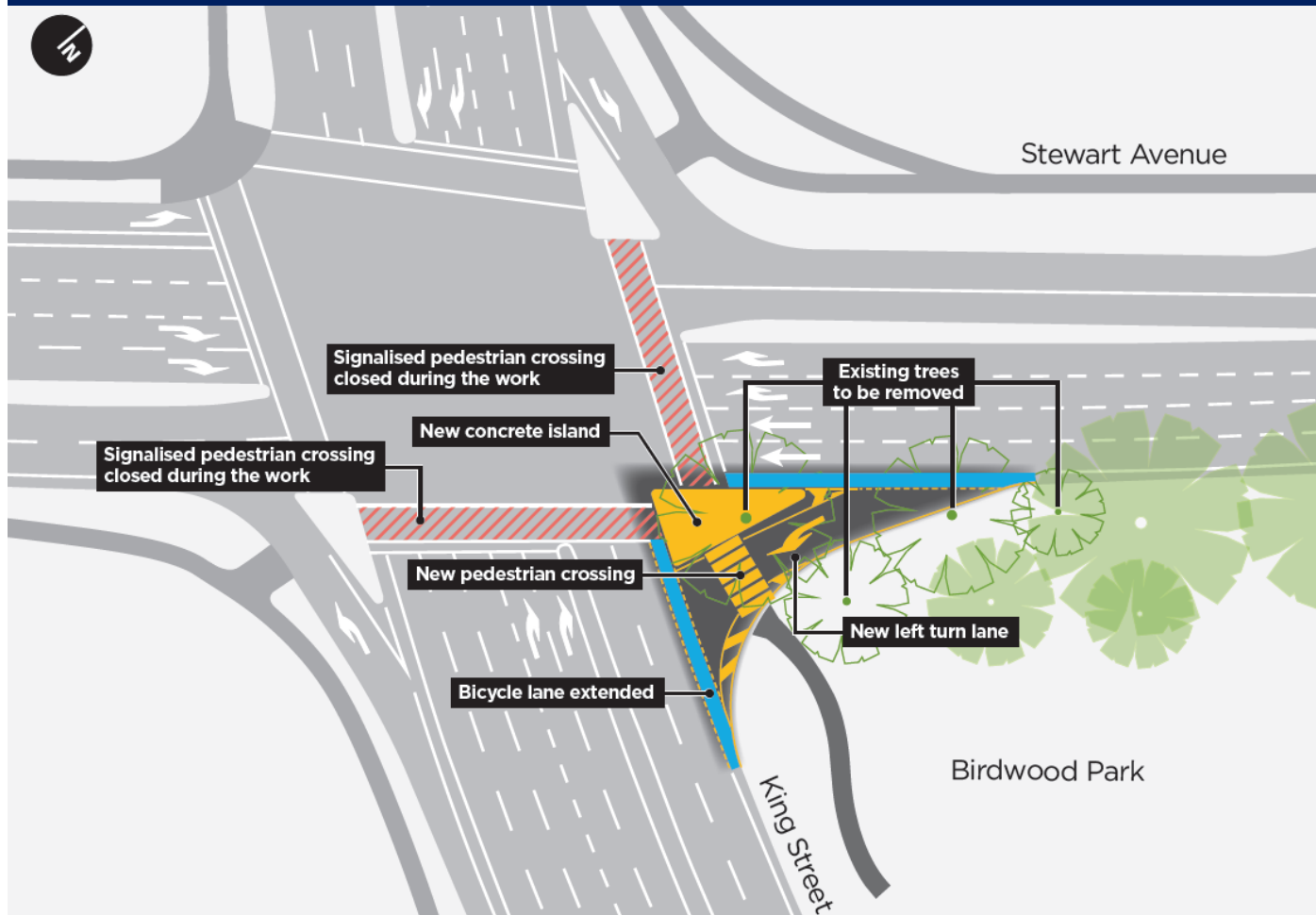
Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our Project Manager, Natalie Perfrement, during business hours on 02 4908 7738 or email natalie.perfrement@transport.nsw.gov.au.

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