

## Traffic flow improvements planned for Stewart Avenue and King Street intersection, Newcastle West

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 currently planning traffic flow improvements for the Stewart Avenue and King Street intersection at Newcastle West.

The project 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.

### 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.

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

### Our work schedule

We expect to start work on the project in mid July 2020. We will provide more information about our work schedule before work starts.

### Next steps

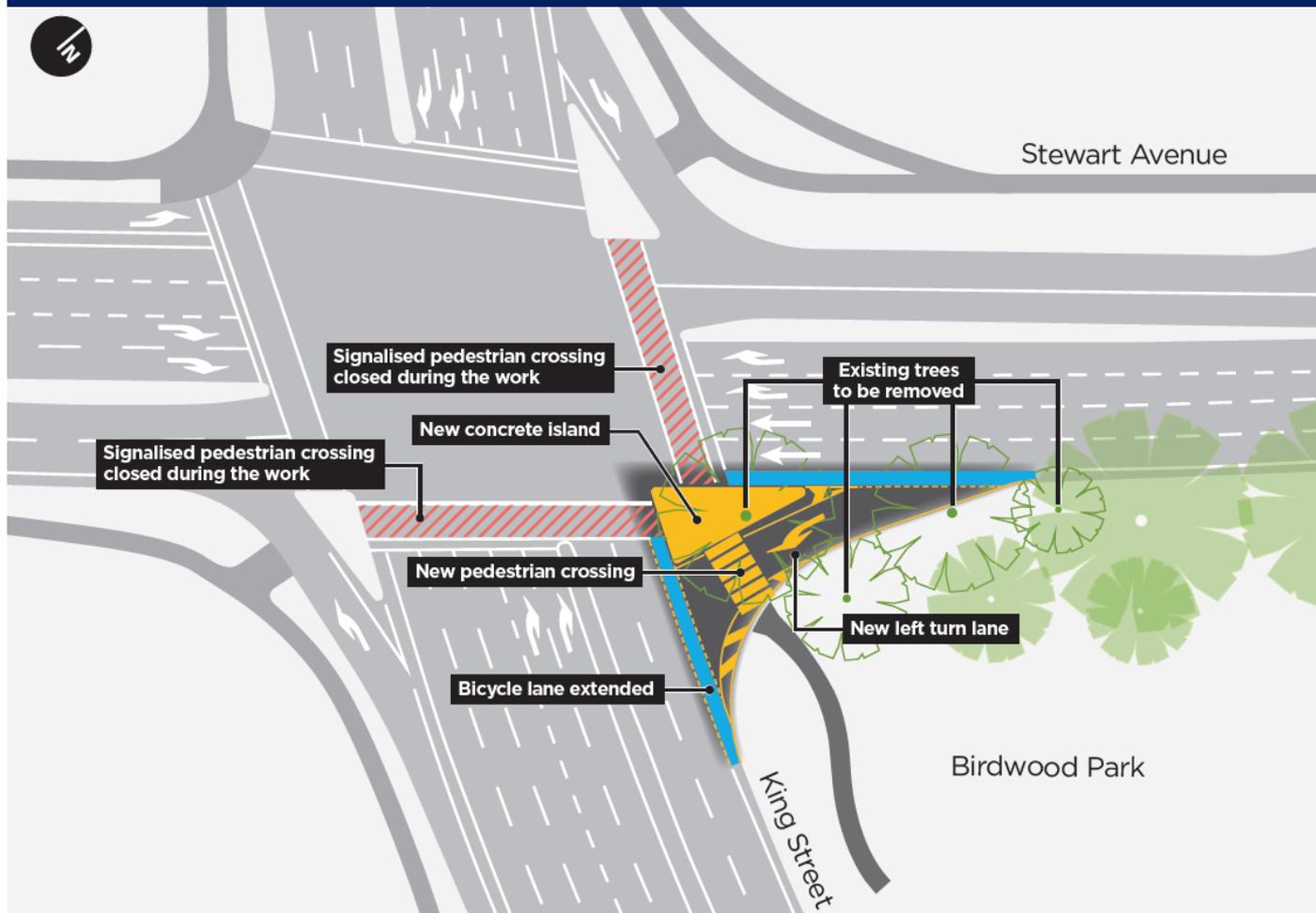
We are working to finalise the project design. We will keep the community updated as the project progresses.

### Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our Project Manager, Natalie Perfrement, during business hours on 02 4908 7738 or email [natalie.perfrement@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:natalie.perfrement@rms.nsw.gov.au).

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