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# The Northern Road Upgrade Stage 3

Display of preliminary design and access strategy

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## *1. About the project*

### **What is happening?**

Roads and Maritime Services is displaying the preliminary design and access strategy for the proposed upgrade of The Northern Road Upgrade Stage 3 between Littlefields Road, Luddenham and Jamison Road, Penrith.

Roads and Maritime is seeking feedback from the community and stakeholders until **Friday 14 August 2015**. Comments will be considered in developing the concept design (next step). Roads and Maritime will inform the community of any changes to the design. This will happen when we display the Environmental Impact Statement. Discussions will be held with directly affected property owners when the design has progressed further.

### **Why is The Northern Road being upgraded?**

Roads and Maritime is carrying out a 35 kilometre upgrade of The Northern Road, between Narellan and Penrith, to improve safety, increase road capacity and to cater for future traffic growth. It is also expected to reduce congestion, provide more reliable travel times and allow for more public transport services in the future.

The Northern Road is generally two and four lanes with sections of divided and undivided road. It forms the main road corridor connecting Penrith with the M4 Motorway and development south of the M4. It will form the main road corridor between a western Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek, the Penrith Local Government Area and the M4. The Northern Road is being upgraded in four stages.

There is currently extensive queuing and travel delays along the northern section of The Northern Road with the road operating at capacity during peak periods. Roads and Maritime is planning to upgrade the corridor between Littlefields Road, Luddenham and Jamison Road, Penrith as The Northern Road Upgrade Stage 3.

### **What is the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan?**

The Australian and NSW governments are funding a 10 year, \$3.6 billion road investment program for western Sydney. The Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan will deliver major road infrastructure upgrades to support an integrated transport solution for the region and capitalise on the economic benefits from developing a western Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek. The Plan provides improved road transport capacity ahead of future traffic demand, as planned residential and employment development takes place in the South West Growth Centre precincts and the Broader Western Sydney Employment Area. This work will transform the region's economy and make western Sydney an even better place to live and do business.

### **What other roads are being upgraded in the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan?**

The Plan includes:

- Upgrading The Northern Road in four stages to a minimum of four lanes between Narellan and Jamison Road, South Penrith
- Building a new M12 Motorway to the western Sydney airport site between the M7 Motorway, Cecil Hills and The Northern Road, Luddenham
- Upgrading Bringelly Road to a minimum of four lanes between The Northern Road and Camden Valley Way. Construction started in January 2015
- Building the Werrington Arterial Road by upgrading Kent Road and Gipps Street to four lanes between the Great Western Highway and at the M4 Motorway, including two new east facing ramps on the M4 Motorway. Construction started March 2015
- Upgrading the intersection of Ross Street and the Great Western Highway, Glenbrook
- A \$200 million package for local roads upgrades (Australian Government funded).

### **Will this mean more reliable travel times?**

The Plan provides improved road transport capacity ahead of future traffic demand, as residential and employment development takes place in the South West Growth Centre precincts and the Broader Western Sydney Employment Area.

While there may be some initial improvements in travel time, one of the aims of this project is to provide road users with more reliable travel times in the future.

### **How is Roads and Maritime going to manage so much construction in the area?**

The projects are being delivered in stages and work will be coordinated to help minimise disruption to road users. Every effort will be made to minimise inconvenience. Motorists and the community will be notified of changed traffic conditions before work is carried out.

## **2. Design**

### **Why are there more traffic lights in the proposed upgrade?**

The existing road corridor currently operates at capacity during peak periods. Most of the new traffic lights are proposed to address existing road safety issues while also providing capacity for future traffic growth and development. There would be one less set of traffic lights at the M4 Motorway interchange, which is expected to improve its operation.

## **What are the provisions for cyclists and pedestrians?**

New pedestrian and cyclist facilities include:

- A shared path generally on the western side of The Northern Road between Littlefields Road and Jamison Road
- A wider pedestrian footpath on the eastern side of The Northern Road between Glenmore Parkway and Jamison Road
- Crossings at traffic lights.

## **Why are there bus lanes along the corridor?**

It is expected that the number of bus routes operating along The Northern Road, from south of Littlefields Road to the Penrith CBD would increase in the future to service a western Sydney airport and surrounding developments. The existing road corridor does not cater for increased bus services and the expected traffic growth.

Kerbside bus lanes would allow buses to travel in dedicated bus lanes. Buses stopping for passengers would not interfere with the flow of traffic. The location of bus stops would be planned as part of the concept design (the next stage).

General traffic and residents are permitted to travel in bus lanes within 100 metres of entering/leaving a driveway or local side street. For more information refer to [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/buses](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/buses)

## **3. Timing**

### **When will this upgrade be built?**

The timing for start of construction work is subject to environmental approval however it is forecast to begin in late 2017 and be complete by 2019.

## **4. Water management**

### **What is being done about existing flooding issues along parts of the corridor?**

The existing road corridor has well known drainage and flooding issues. The proposed upgrade would be designed to provide for a 1 in 100 year flood. The drainage design is yet to be carried out although would be developed during the concept design stage.

## **5. Access**

### **Can I use the bus lanes to access my property?**

Yes. The proposed bus lanes for the upgrade are primarily for buses but can be used by general traffic to travel up to 100 metres to turn into or out of a street, or to enter or leave a property adjacent to the bus lane. For more information about using bus lanes go to [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/buses](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/buses)

### **How will I be able to access my property?**

For safety reasons the proposal includes a central median on The Northern Road which will remove right in and right out access to some local roads and properties along the road.

Right in and out access to the local road network will be provided through the intersections with traffic lights, some u-turn areas and service roads. Access will become left in and left out for properties fronting The Northern Road. For more information about proposed access arrangements, please refer to the Community Update or speak to the project team.

## 6. Property

### Will there be any property acquisition?

The proposed upgrade works are generally within the existing road corridor boundary however the road upgrade will require some additional land to allow the corridor to be widened.

The extent of any property acquisition is subject to further investigation and would not be known for several months. Affected property owners will be contacted by Roads and Maritime during the concept design period.

## 7. Environmental

### What is Roads and Maritime doing to protect any threatened species found along the route?

A biodiversity assessment including site surveys will be completed by qualified ecologists as part of the environment assessment to assess the potential biodiversity impact of the proposal. The design would be refined to avoid or minimise the impact to identified ecological communities, where feasible.

## 8. Have your say

### How do I make a comment on the proposed project?

Roads and Maritime recognises the importance of involving the community and welcomes your feedback by **Friday 14 August 2015**. Feedback can be provided by our online feedback form, email, letter or attendance at a community information session.

For more information about the proposal, or to provide feedback, please contact the project team:

**Email:** [wsip@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:wsip@rms.nsw.gov.au)

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Roads and Maritime Services  
PO Box 973 Parramatta NSW 2124

**Phone:** 1800 703 457 (toll free) during business hours.

**Stakeholder list:** Send us an email to sign up and make sure you get up-to-date information.

## 9. More information

### What happens next?

Community comments regarding the preliminary design and access strategy will be carefully considered by Roads and Maritime when preparing the concept design. Any changes would be communicated to the community after the consultation period.

The concept design and Environmental Assessment would be prepared for display in 2016 with another opportunity for the community to provide feedback on the design. At this point, the design would include more detail about any environmental and property impacts.

Construction of the proposed upgrade would then be planned and carried out subject to environmental approval from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

### **How will my feedback be used?**

Roads and Maritime will carefully consider all community feedback on the preliminary design and access strategy and use it to guide future decision making.

### **Where can I find out more information?**

The route options can be viewed at [rms.nsw.gov.au/wsip](http://rms.nsw.gov.au/wsip)

Roads and Maritime invites comments on the proposal by **Friday 14 August 2015** for The Northern Road Upgrade Stage 3 via a feedback form and reply paid envelope, email, letter or attendance at a community information session.

### **Community Information Sessions**

We will host six community information sessions about this proposal and other WSIP projects. We have also invited other government agencies with projects nearby to attend.

The WSIP project team will be available to answer questions and receive feedback on the proposal. A formal presentation will not be given, so please feel free to drop in at any time during these information sessions.

#### **Wednesday 22 July, 4pm – 8pm**

Penrith Anglican College Gymnasium  
338-356 Wentworth Road, Orchard Hills

#### **Saturday 1 August, 11am – 2pm**

Glenmore Park Youth and Community Centre  
Luttrell Street (off Town Terrace), Glenmore Park

#### **Saturday 25 July, 12pm – 3pm**

Bringelly Community Centre  
5 Greendale Road, Bringelly

#### **Thursday 6 August, 3pm – 7pm**

Kemps Creek Public School Hall  
100 Cross Street, Kemps Creek

#### **Wednesday 29 July, 3pm – 7pm**

Holy Family Primary School Hall  
Lot 32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham

#### **Saturday 8 August, 12pm – 3pm**

Holy Family Primary School Hall  
Lot 32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham

### **Who do I contact to discuss the project?**

For further information about The Northern Road Upgrade Stage 3 please contact the project team on 1800 703 457 (during business hours) or email [wsip@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:wsip@rms.nsw.gov.au). More information is also available on the Roads and Maritime website at: [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/wsip](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/wsip)

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