



Transport for NSW

Amherst Street Noise Wall

Project update

The NSW Government is building the Amherst Street Noise Wall to help reduce traffic noise for residents on Jenkins Street, Cammeray.

Following community consultation, Transport for NSW will proceed with building the new noise wall from November 2020.

The project involves building a 4.5 metre noise wall for 59 metres along the Amherst Street off ramp, 1.8 metres behind rear property boundaries on Jenkins Street. The noise wall will be painted charcoal on the side facing the road and environmental green on the side facing properties on Jenkins Street. The area will be landscaped with new trees and vegetation once construction of the noise wall is complete.

Community feedback

We invited community feedback on the environmental assessment known as the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) in August and September 2020. Thank you to everyone who took time to review our proposal and provide feedback.

We received eight submissions in total. The key issues raised included:

- Tree removal and landscaping
- Impact to the community during construction, such as privacy for local residents and temporary changes to the existing cycle lane on the Amherst Street off ramp
- Design of the noise wall including the alignment and appearance.

We have prepared a Submissions Report outlining the feedback received and our responses. The report is available to view and download at nswroads.work/amherst.

Changes to the proposal

After considering community feedback, we will proceed with proposal with no changes to the noise wall design. In response to the comments raised we have reviewed the proposed landscaping plan and will plant additional trees once construction of the noise wall is complete. In total we will plant 18 new native semi-mature trees in addition to grass and shrub species.

What work will be carried out?

Our delivery partner, DM Roads, will start construction of the noise wall from November 2020. We expect it will take about four months to build the wall, weather permitting.

Work will include:

- Setting up the construction site including a temporary site office, temporary fencing, barriers and traffic management
- Removing vegetation
- Levelling the ground and preparing the foundations for the noise wall, including piling (boring holes into the ground)
- Extending the existing sandstone block retaining wall behind Jenkins Street properties by 35 metres
- Installing the noise wall posts and panels
- Restoring the work area and landscaping once construction is complete.

We will notify you at least seven days before construction starts.

Work area



Our work schedule

We will complete most of our work during standard construction hours of **7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday** and **8am to 1pm on Saturdays**. No work will be carried out on public holidays.

While most of our work will be during the day, we will need to do some work at night for traffic and safety reasons. In total we expect to carry out up to **10 night shifts** from **8pm to 5am, Sunday to Friday**.

We will notify affected residents before any work is carried out outside standard construction hours.

To receive email updates about when we will be working at night, please register your details with nsw_projects@dmroads.com.au

How will our work affect you?

We will need to implement some temporary traffic changes along the Amherst Street off ramp for the safety of road users, cyclists, pedestrians and workers while we build the new noise wall. There will be temporary changes to the cycle lane on the northern side of the Amherst Street off ramp due to its proximity next to the work site. During the work we will establish a temporary 1.2 metre cycle lane next to the work area which will be separated from the traffic lane by safety barriers.

There may be some noise and vibration during our work. We will have measures in place to minimise impacts to local residents such as using low noise reversing alarms on all machinery, noise blankets where appropriate and turning off equipment and vehicles when they are not being used.

More information about how we will manage impacts during construction is available in the project's Review of Environmental Factors at nswroads.work/amherst

Keeping you informed

We will continue to keep you informed at key stages of the project. If you would like to receive regular updates and help us to reduce paper, please sign up to our email alerts by contacting nsw_projects@dmroads.com.au

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact our project team:

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The health and safety of our workforce and the wider community will be top of mind as we carry out our work. This will include ensuring our workers follow the appropriate hygiene and social distancing guidelines.