

# Archbold Road Upgrade and Extension

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The NSW Government is planning for a future upgrade and extension of Archbold Road between the Great Western Highway, Minchinbury, and Old Wallgrove Road, Eastern Creek. Roads and Maritime Services is inviting your feedback on the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors, with comments closing on **Friday, 16 June 2017**.

## Background

Western Sydney's population of nearly two million people is expected to increase to more than three million over the next 20 years. The NSW Government is planning for the future and has established the Western Sydney Employment Area (WSEA) as an employment hub to support economic growth in the area. It is anticipated the WSEA will provide more than 57,000 jobs over the next 30 years, making western Sydney an even better place to live and do business.

Roads and Maritime is planning for the proposed future upgrade and extension of Archbold Road. The existing two kilometre section of Archbold Road would be upgraded, and the road would be extended by a further three kilometres south to Old Wallgrove Road, Eastern Creek. The planned upgrade and extension of Archbold Road would support the development of the WSEA by providing a reliable, safe and efficient north-south route serving future transport needs in the region.

Roads and Maritime invited community feedback on the proposed access strategy in March 2016. After reviewing the submissions and considering feedback, we have now developed the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors.

## Review of Environmental Factors

Roads and Maritime has prepared an environmental assessment, known as a Review of Environmental Factors, to examine the potential impact of the proposed Archbold Road upgrade and extension and outlined measures to reduce and manage potential impacts. The Review of Environmental Factors addresses potential environmental impacts including noise, heritage, biodiversity, property as well as impacts during construction.

## Community involvement

The Archbold Road concept design and Review of Environmental Factors is on display for community and stakeholder comment until **Friday, 16 June 2017**.

During the display period, printed copies of the Review of Environmental Factors will be available to view in several locations and Roads and Maritime will also hold two community information sessions. The times and locations are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

All feedback received during the display of the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors will be considered by Roads and Maritime. At the end of the consultation period, a submissions report will be prepared and made available on the project website.

## What are the benefits?

- Support for the expected growth of the Western Sydney Employment Area
- Improved freight connections to Sydney's motorway network and wider interstate freight network
- Reduced travel times and transport costs
- Improved road safety
- Improved public transport and bus priority
- Residential and employment growth supported by providing a reliable road network
- Safe and effective pedestrian and cycling infrastructure

## Key features

- Intersection upgrade at the Great Western Highway and Archbold Road, Minchinbury
- Existing road south of the Great Western Highway upgraded from two lanes to a four lane divided road including a new bridge over the M4 Motorway and east facing ramps
- Archbold Road extended south with a four lane divided road through Lenore Drive to meet Old Wallgrove Road southern extension near the WaterNSW pipelines
- New intersections along Archbold Road at Robinson Street, Sargents Road, Lenore Drive and Old Wallgrove Road
- New drainage structures along creek crossings
- New intersections for future access to new employment lands
- Bus priority measures at key intersections
- A shared path for pedestrians and cyclists along the western side of the road.

## Why are there only east-facing ramps included in the proposed design?

Traffic investigations have supported the need for east-facing ramps which have been included in the current design. The design allows for west facing ramps in the future, should they be required.

## Concept design

Some design improvements have been made since the last consultation. The improvements aim to address comments received from the community and further investigations carried out by Roads and Maritime.

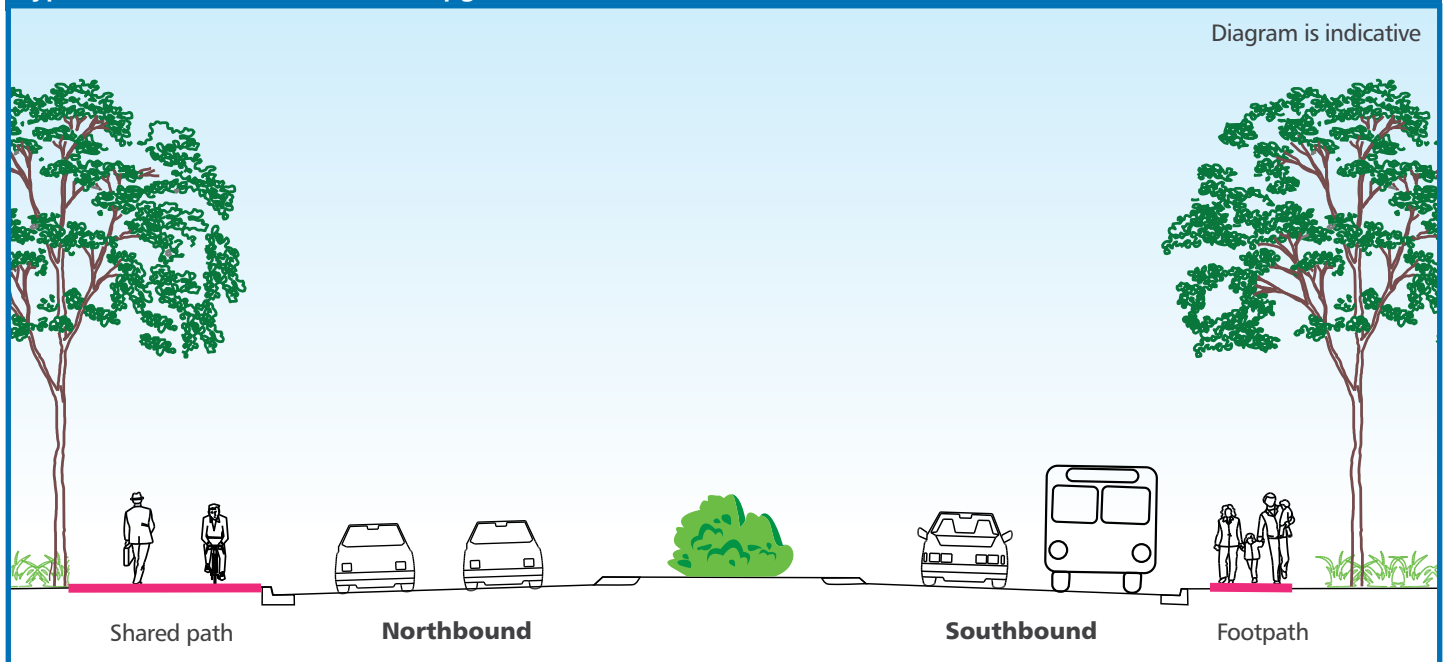
Changes include:

- intersection upgrade at Archbold Road and the Great Western Highway, Minchinbury
- new traffic lights at Robinson Street, Minchinbury
- dedicated left lane on to the M4 Motorway entry ramp.

## What happens next?

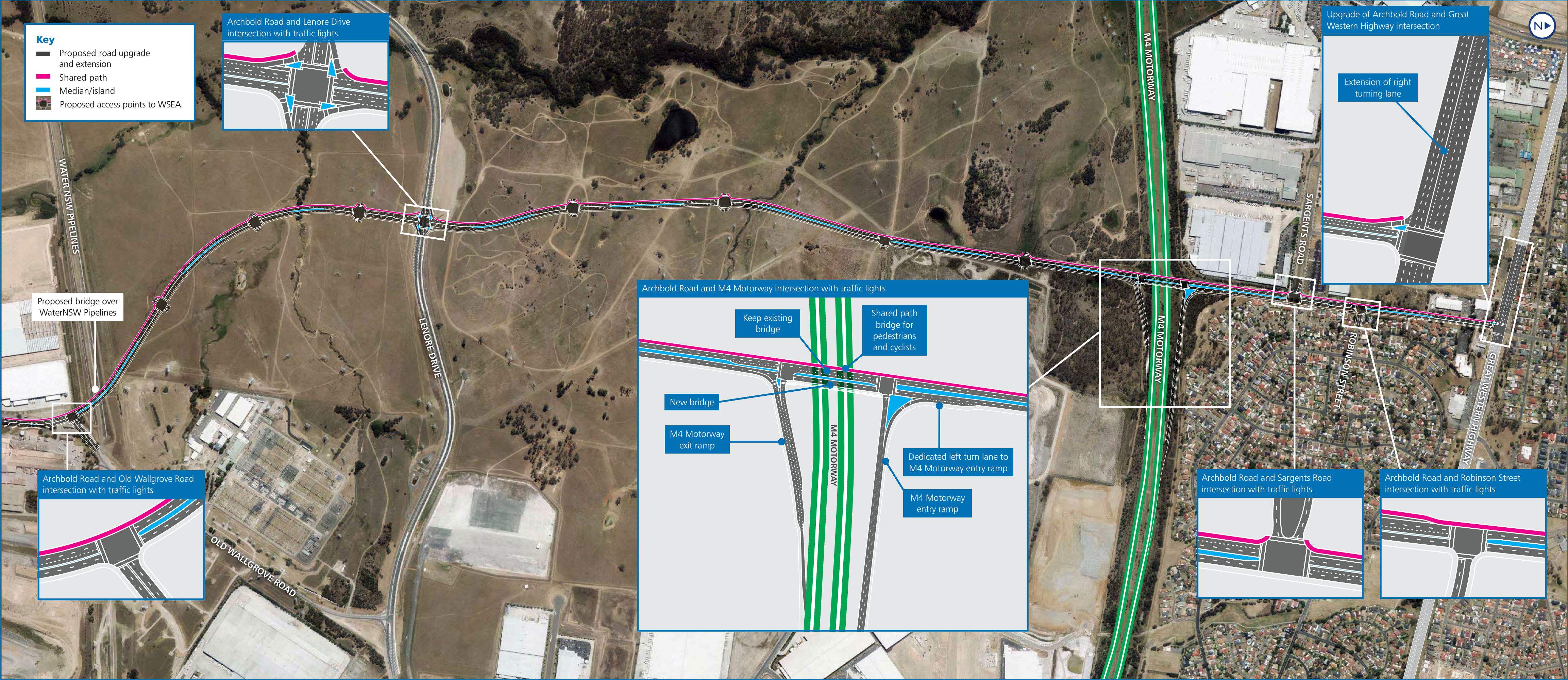
All comments received during the consultation period will be considered. Upon obtaining planning approval, Roads and Maritime will inform the community of the outcome of the Review of Environmental Factors, including any further changes made to the design. The next phases of the project are detailed design and construction, which are subject to funding.

### Typical section – Archbold Road Upgrade and Extension





Archbold Road Upgrade and Extension – concept design





## Have your say

We are inviting your feedback and suggestions on the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors until **Friday, 16 June 2017**.

The Review of Environmental Factors can be viewed at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/archboldroad](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/archboldroad).

It is also available to view in hard copy at the following locations:

### Mount Druitt Library

Ayers Grove, Mount Druitt

Monday to Thursday between 9.30am and 7.45pm

Friday between 9.30am and 6pm

Saturday between 9.30am and 4pm

Sunday between 12pm and 4pm

### St Clair Library

Shop 12, St Clair Shopping Centre

Bennett Road and Endeavour Avenue, St Clair

Monday to Friday between 10am and 5.30pm

Saturday between 9am and 1pm

## Community Information Sessions

Roads and Maritime will host two community information sessions where the project team will be available to answer any questions and receive feedback. A formal presentation will not be given, so please feel free to drop in any time during these sessions:

### Saturday, 3 June 2017 between 10am and 1pm

Rooty Hill Senior Citizens Centre

34a Rooty Hill Road South, Rooty Hill

### Wednesday, 7 June 2017 between 5pm and 8pm

The Mount Druitt Hub

Level 1, 9 Ayres Grove, Mount Druitt

To make a submission on the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors or to join the Archbold Road project mailing list, please contact the project team (see across for details)



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## Contact us

For more information and to provide feedback on the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors, please contact the project team:



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