

## Upgrade complete at Cumberland Highway and Merrylands Road, Greystanes



*The newly completed intersection upgrade at Cumberland Highway and Merrylands Road in Greystanes*

Roads and Maritime Services has completed this project to help ease congestion and improve travel times for motorists in the area.

An average of 60,000 motorists each day use the Cumberland Highway, which links the M4 and Liverpool. Motorists faced long wait times and heavy congestion at the Cumberland Highway and Merrylands Road intersection at Greystanes, because of the limited number of dedicated turning lanes.

Motorists would experience congestion travelling to places in the local area including shops, Merrylands train station, school, work or their homes, especially during AM and PM peak times.

To help address the problem Roads and Maritime began upgrading the intersection at Cumberland Highway and Merrylands Road in 2018. This project is now complete. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we carried out this important work.

Since opening to traffic in May 2019, this upgrade has eased congestion and is delivering more reliable trips for all road users.

## What we did

Our work included:

- installing dual right turn lanes east and westbound on Merrylands Road and northbound on Cumberland Highway
- adjusting the central road medians on all approaches of the intersection to make space for the new turning lanes
- realigning a left turn slip lane on the Cumberland Highway to accommodate the new intersection layout
- installing crash barriers along Cumberland Highway on the south eastern corner of the intersection.

## Community benefits

The upgrade is helping to:

- ease congestion along Cumberland Highway and Merrylands Road by allowing more motorists to continue straight without turning traffic blocking them
- improve traffic flow in all directions by allowing more motorists to turn at the intersection using dedicated turning lanes
- reduce travel times for northbound road users
- create more reliable trips for residents travelling to work, school and Merrylands train station.



*New turning lanes on Merrylands Road (facing eastwards)*

## What is a 'pinch point'?

A pinch point is a traffic congestion point, either at an intersection or on a short length of road, where a traffic bottleneck exists. Pinch points cause traffic build-up and travel delays at these spots and on the wider road network.

The NSW Government has committed more than \$825 million to the pinch point program. Each project eases congestion, reduces traffic delays and improves travel times on Sydney's major roads.

To learn more about the pinch point program in Sydney visit [rms.nsw.gov.au/pinchpoints](https://rms.nsw.gov.au/pinchpoints).

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