

Transport for NSW

Proposed improvements to Goonoo Goonoo Road (New England Highway) in Tamworth



Goonoo Goonoo Road is an important part of the Tamworth road network, facilitating movement of local residents and freight, enabling growth and development, and providing a vital link between the regional city of Tamworth and surrounding towns and villages.



Proposed concept design

The NSW Government has committed to plan the duplication of the section of Goonoo Goonoo Road between Jack Smyth Drive and Calala Lane. The concept design for the proposed project is outlined in this community update. Transport for NSW would like feedback from the community about the concept design, with all feedback being considered as the design and the project progresses.

Please see the back page of this update for details about how to provide feedback.



Intersection improvements at a number of locations



Improve local road network



Easing congestion

Goonoo Goonoo Road improvements To Tamworth **Town Centre Changes to the Calala Lane** intersection include: N Replacing roundabout with traffic signals Calala Lane Provides separate lanes for 100 200 300 400 right and left turns from Calala Lane Metres Pedestrian crossings Legend provided at traffic signals Proposed upgrade Separate left and right turn lanes for traffic Central median turning into Calala Lane Shared pedestrian and cycle path Proposed footpath Upgrade includes road widening and pavement **Changes to Craigends Lane** reconstruction, two lanes each intersection include: way with a central median Installing a new roundabout Allows for future HILLVUE development on eastern side of Goonoo Goonoo Road Roundabout provides for large heavy vehicle movements **Changes to The Ringers Road intersection include:** Left turn only out of The Ringers Road The Ringers Road No right turn out of The Ringers Road (except emergency vehicles) Separate right turn lane into The Ringers Road Goonoo Goonoo **Changes to Greg Norman Drive intersection include:** • Installing a 'seagull' Greg Norman Drive intersection, which provides a two-stage movement across Longyard Drive Goonoo Goonoo Road Separate right and left turn lanes out of Greg Norman Drive Tamworth Regional **Sporting Complex** Jack Smyth Drive Australian Equine and **Livestock Events** To Singleton



Background

Goonoo Goonoo Road is an important part of the Tamworth road network, providing a gateway to the city's entertainment and equestrian precinct, and is a vital link between the regional city and its surrounding towns and villages. Transport and Tamworth Regional Council have carried out investigations, including traffic modelling, over the past two years to assess the performance of this section of road.

These investigations have shown this section of road is not as safe as other similar roads in NSW. The NSW Government is currently funding planning work for the eventual duplication of this section of Goonoo Goonoo Road. The timing of construction is not known, and is dependent on funding availability.



Proposed improvements

The concept design includes:

- Duplicating Goonoo Goonoo Road between Jack Smyth Drive and Calala Lane
- Installing a set of traffic signals at the intersection of Goonoo Goonoo Road and Calala Lane
- Installing a roundabout at the intersection of Goonoo Goonoo Road and Craigends Lane
- Intersection improvements at the intersections of Goonoo Goonoo Road with The Ringers Road and Greg Norman Drive
- Installing a central median to separate oncoming
- Improving pedestrian and cycle facilities

The improvements will increase capacity, improve safety, and provide a road transport network which supports development and facilitates access to regional growth centres.

Improving safety and capacity along the highway is important because over 20,000 vehicles use this section of the highway every day.



Better more reliable trips for people, business and freight



Transport would like feedback from the Tamworth community about the concept design. You can provide feedback by:

- Calling Transport on 1800 653 092 and asking to speak to the Goonoo Goonoo Road project team
- Emailing region.north@transport.nsw.gov.au. Please include 'Goonoo Goonoo Road concept design feedback' in the subject line
- Sending a letter to Goonoo Goonoo Road Project Team, Transport for NSW, PO 576 Grafton, NSW 2460.

The community is requested to provide feedback by 31 March 2021.



Talk to the project team

Members of the project team will be available to meet with individuals face-to-face to listen to their concerns and feedback, by appointment. To help us manage COVID-19, you will need to make an appointment to meet with the team. We will be available on:

- Wednesday 17 March
- Tuesday 23 March

To arrange a meeting please call 1800 653 092.



Next steps

While there is currently no funding for construction, we will be working to have the project ready to build once funding is available. The community will be kept up-to-date with the progress of the project.

Contact us:



1800 653 092 (business hours)



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