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Great Western Highway Upgrade Program Medlow Bath



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Great Western Highway Upgrade, Medlow Bath. Artist impression, subject to change during detailed design.

Medlow Bath and East REFs to be determined together

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond and make submissions to the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) consultation.

Transport for NSW (Transport) is responding to community feedback and will defer the determination of the Medlow Bath (REF) until it can be considered at the same time as the Katoomba to Blackheath (East) REF.

Protecting the Blue Mountains environment and the liveability of the villages along the Highway is critical. Transport appreciates the feedback provided by Blue Mountains City Council and the community, which will help us to achieve that.

Determining the East Section and the Medlow Bath Reviews of Environmental Factors together will help Transport to make sure it considers all of the potential impacts in one simultaneous review, and provide more confidence to the Blue Mountains community about the environmental assessment of this critical infrastructure project.

During the Medlow Bath REF and Concept Design exhibition Transport received 348 submissions from 250 residents, business owners and other stakeholders.

Medlow Bath Safety a priority

Transport wants to make sure that the stand-alone safety improvements of the Medlow Bath upgrade are delivered as soon as possible.

To help us remain on target to deliver safer access to Bellevue Crescent and the Hydro Majestic, safer pedestrian access across the road and rail, and an improved shared path, began early industry engagement in February with pre-qualified construction contractors.

The tender will only be awarded once the REFs are determined and all final environmental conditions have been addressed.

Design improvements and Bellevue Crescent

While the Medlow Bath REF is not yet determined, the insights and feedback gathered during the display have already helped Transport to identify improvements to the design.

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Following community feedback, the option of moving the Bellevue Crescent intersection from its current location has now been ruled out. Further road works and to upgrade the intersection and install new traffic signals will improve safety for drivers using the street.

The much-loved bus stop mural located opposite the Hydro Majestic on the Highway will be preserved and relocated to Railway Parade, where it will mark the relocated bus stop.

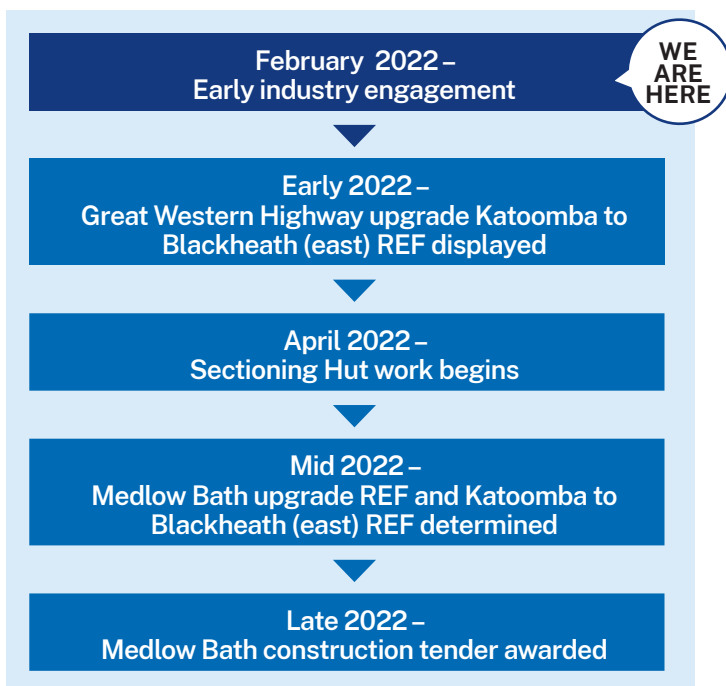
Transport is continuing to work with Heritage NSW on providing safe pedestrian access around the Railway Station and highway.

Railway Parade Planting

Since the early safety works were completed at Bellevue Crescent, Transport has been in touch with community representatives, Railway Parade residents and Blue Mountains City Council to develop a landscape plan for Railway Parade to help screen residents from traffic on the Highway.

We appreciate the input from the group who have worked closely with a local landscaper to develop the planting strategy. Transport will begin site preparation and clearing to make space for the new plants to go in.

Project development process



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Railway Sectioning Hut

The Sectioning Hut is a Sydney Trains substation which sits in the railway corridor north of the Medlow Bath Station. It is approaching its 'end of design' life and needs to be replaced. The Great Western Highway project will carry out this replacement, including a relocation of the Hut to the western side of the railway line near Station Street.

Work is set to start in April, when a small site compound will be set up beside the railway line at the end of Station Street. Most of the work will occur during the day, but there will be some night work during routine scheduled railway shutdowns. We will keep the community updated on these works as they progress.

What happens next

Transport aims to exhibit the REF for the East section of the highway upgrade, between the towns of Katoomba and Medlow Bath and Medlow Bath and Blackheath, in the first half of 2022.

More information about consultation sessions will be provided when exhibition dates are confirmed. To receive the latest news and updates, subscribe at nswroads.work/gwh or contact the project team on gwhd@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Transport will continue to update community on the Medlow Bath Upgrade as the project progresses.

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