

Health precinct intersection upgrades

Wagga Wagga

Project update

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Transport for NSW will start work next month on safety upgrades at two of Wagga Wagga's busiest intersections in the city's health precinct.

Overview

The upgrades will improve safety and traffic efficiency in the health precinct area which includes the city's two hospitals and supporting specialist facilities.

Other key benefits to the project include better accessibility in and around the health precinct, and improved connectivity with the city's broader transport network.

Stage 1 of the project is the installation of traffic lights at the Sturt Highway intersection (Edward Street) with Murray Street, and is scheduled to start on **Monday 6 February**, weather permitting.

The second stage is the reconfiguration of lanes at the highway's Docker Street intersection. The project is planned for completion in **May 2023**.





Traffic management

Transport acknowledges these locations are high traffic areas along the Sturt Highway (Edward Street) and plans to carry out work with as few impacts as possible to transport customers and nearby residents.

All work will be done under traffic control, with at least one lane of traffic open in each direction at all times. Motorists can expect delays of up to 10 minutes at various stages of the project.

Work schedule:

Most work will be carried out during standard daytime hours, however some 'out of hours' night work and weekend work is required.

The highway will be less busy and safer for workers at these times.

Night work and weekend work is planned at various stages of the project.

Work will start on the Murray Street intersection traffic lights and progress in stages to the Docker Street intersection to minimise impacts on traffic and parking.

Murray Street (north and south) will be closed at the highway which means no access to Edward Street from Murray Street during work on this stage. Traffic control will be in place 24 hours a day, along with detours and signage, to direct transport customers and pedestrians.

It is expected to take eight weeks to finish the Murray Street intersection, and about three weeks for the Docker Street upgrade, weather permitting.



Hospital access

Work on the Murray Street intersection first stage will progress west along the highway to Lewis Drive, which is the main entrance to Wagga Wagga Base Hospital.

Hospital access will remain via Lewis Drive with 24-hour traffic control in place to assist motorists accessing the hospital.



Pedestrian access and public transport

Pedestrian access around the work area will be clearly signposted. The Edward Street bus stop near Wagga Wagga Base Hospital will operate during the project, however, the taxi rank outside the hospital will not be available. Nearby taxi ranks are at Station Place and Forsyth Street.



Next steps

Work on the intersection upgrades is planned to start on **Monday 6 February**.

Tree trimming and, in some cases, a small number of tree removals, will also be needed to provide a clear corridor for larger vehicles such as trucks and buses.

Transport takes its responsibility to the environment seriously and aims to preserve as many trees as possible along Edward Street while ensuring the safety of all transport customers.



Traffic lights

Traffic lights are a safe and efficient way to move traffic through the Murray Street intersection. The benefits of traffic lights include:

- providing safe access for pedestrians
- allowing steady movement of traffic with minimal delays
- allowing co-ordination between traffic lights via an intelligent traffic management system.



Project funding

Transport will carry out work on the two highway intersections on behalf of Health Infrastructure. The NSW Government is funding the project.



Entry to Wagga Wagga Base Hospital will remain via Lewis Drive under traffic control

Murray/Edward Street:

The intersection upgrade introduces an additional lane for protected right-turns into Murray Street, and a raised centre median along Edward Street. These travel lanes will be shifted out into the kerbside parking lanes to allow more space and safer distances between live traffic.

The right turn bays on Murray Street allow for more efficient traffic flow along Edward Street and improved safety for turning vehicles. The centre medians protect motorists from the opposing lane of traffic, house the traffic signals and provide pedestrian refuge.

Docker/Edward Street:

Transport is changing the lane-configuration at Docker Street traffic lights by converting the inside lane to a right-turn-only lane. Right-turn movements from Docker Street onto Edward Street are frequent during peak hours, and so a dedicated right-turn lane will offer shorter wait times and improve traffic flow.

The length of the proposed right-turn only lane will be longer than the existing left-turn only lane to allow enough vehicles to queue in peak hours, while keeping the other two lanes open.

This improvement requires the shift of traffic to the left earlier, into the kerbside parking lane.



Project development process



Traffic lights will be installed at the Edward Street intersection with Murray Street



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