

Transport for NSW

# Heathcote Road Bridge – Have Your Say

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**Artist impression of the proposed widened bridge**

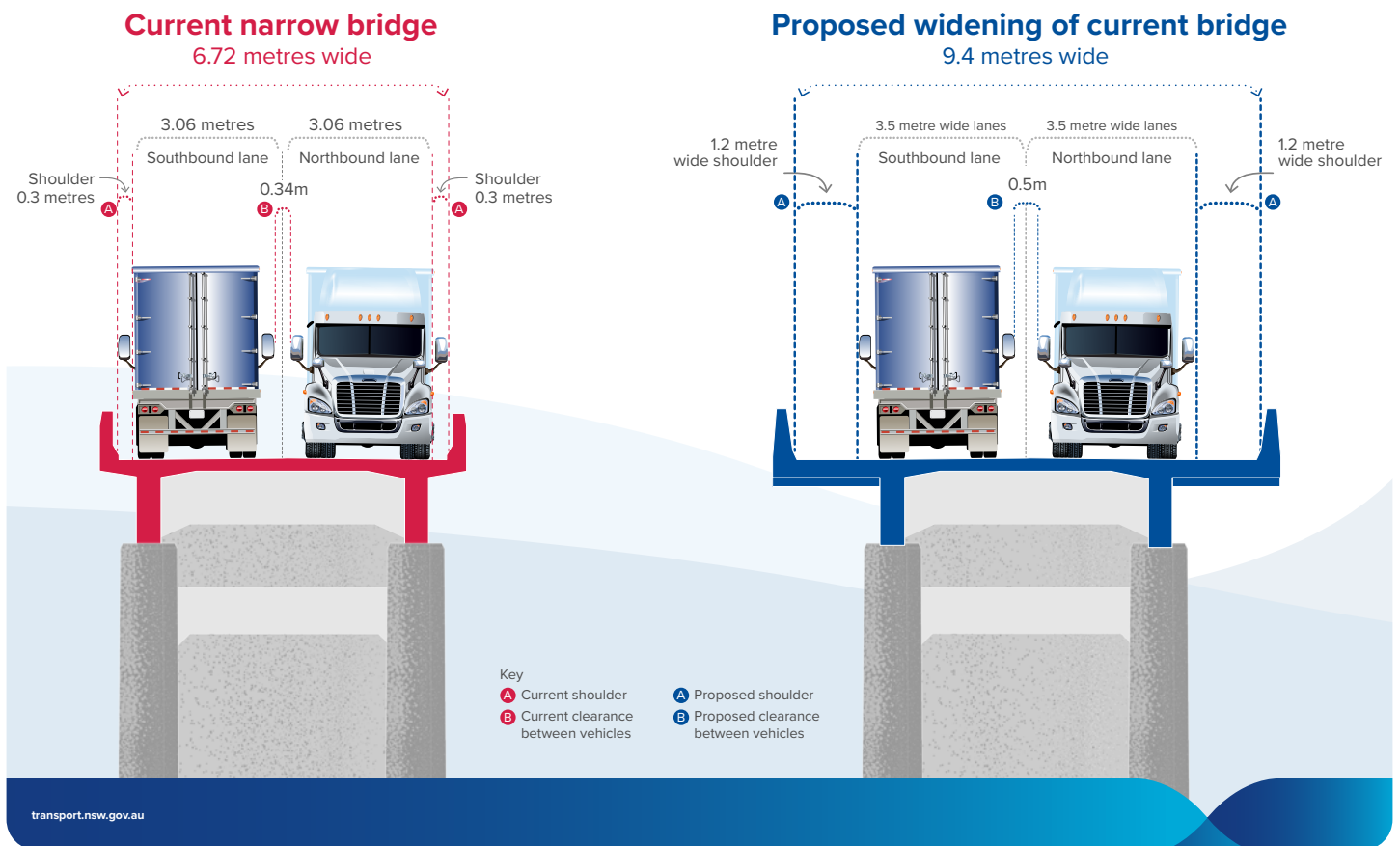
Transport for NSW has carried out an environmental assessment for the Heathcote Road bridge widening project and is inviting your comments. This Review of Environmental Factors (REF) describes Transport's proposal to widen the bridge, and includes any likely impacts that construction can have on the environment, biodiversity, heritage, soil and water, as well as mitigation measures to reduce these impacts.

The public exhibition of the REF is an opportunity for the community to be informed about the environmental assessments as well as share your knowledge and feedback on the Heathcote Road bridge project.

## Review of Environmental Factors (REF)

**The Heathcote Road bridge widening REF is on public exhibition and submissions are now open at the Heathcote Road virtual information centre.**

**Visit [nswroads.work/Heathcote-info-centre](https://nswroads.work/Heathcote-info-centre).**



## What the REF tells us

### The proposal

TfNSW proposes to upgrade the narrow Heathcote Road bridge to bring it up to current safety standards as quickly as possible through widening the bridge lanes, shoulders and approaches.

The NSW Government has also announced \$35 million to start investigation work into the duplication of Heathcote Road, including Heathcote Road bridge. This will go towards investigation work into Heathcote Road bridge duplication. See page 6 for details.

### Key features

- Widening the bridge by about 1.4 metres on each side to provide one wide 3.5 metre lane in each direction.
- Creating 1.2 metre shoulders for use as emergency lanes or break down bays.
- Widening the northern and southern bridge approaches about 250 metres on either side of the bridge to improve road alignment.
- New retaining walls to support the slope along both bridge approaches.
- New and upgraded drainage infrastructure.
- Slope stabilisation.

### The benefits

- Increased safety on Heathcote Road bridge and its approaches.
- Improved network reliability.
- A design solution that can be implemented in the short term.

Construction is planned in late 2021 and will take up to two years to complete.

### We'll undertake measures to minimise risks to:

- The koala corridor, microbats and native vegetation.
- Flooding and changes to aquatic habitat.
- Water quality and soil impacts.
- Aboriginal cultural heritage.
- Non-Aboriginal cultural heritage.
- Socioeconomic impacts.



The proposal includes the widening of the bridge as well as its northern and southern approaches



Built during World War II, Heathcote Road bridge has State heritage significance

## Visit the Heathcote Road virtual information centre to make a submission

- To make a submission, visit the online Heathcote Road bridge virtual information centre at [nswroads.work/Heathcote-info-centre](https://nswroads.work/Heathcote-info-centre) and view the REF display.
- Read the reports, click the submit button and choose a category, you'd like to provide feedback on. You can choose multiple categories from safety to biodiversity, heritage and to traffic and transport.
- If you prefer to provide your feedback on the telephone, call us and we'll assist you to put in your submission.
- If you're unable to access the Heathcote Road bridge information centre, you can email us your submission.

## What happens next?

- Transport for NSW will collate and consider all submissions received during the public display of the Heathcote Road bridge widening REF. Transport will publish a REF submissions report and decide whether or not the proposal should proceed and inform you of this decision.



The proposal includes koala crossings at the northern and southern bridge abutments



Slope stabilisation works are proposed on both approaches

# Heathcote Road bridge projects

LIVERPOOL



MOOREBANK

HOLSWORTHY

Infantry Parade

VOYAGER POINT

The Avenue

PLEASURE POINT

SANDY POINT

Heathcote Road

Bangor Bypass

New Illawarra Road

LUCAS HEIGHTS

Princes Highway

ENGADINE

ROYAL NATIONAL PARK

HEATHCOTE

## Legend

- \$183 million upgrade and duplication - in progress
- \$35 million funding to plan for the duplication of Heathcote Road including the narrow bridge over Woronora River
- \$2.7 million Pinch Point upgrade - completed 2019
- \$73 million Heathcote Road Bridge widening - in progress
- \$4.5 million Pinch Point upgrade - completed 2019

Heathcote Road Bridge

# New funding for Heathcote Road duplication plans

The NSW Government has announced \$35 million in additional funding for Heathcote Road. The funding was announced on 9 November 2020 and will go towards planning for the duplication of Heathcote Road from The Avenue at Voyager Point up to its intersection with the Princes Highway at Engadine. This includes investigations into all options to provide a safer crossing of the Woronora River.

This important work comes in addition to widening the existing bridge over Woronora River to improve safety on the bridge as quickly as possible and widening Heathcote Road between The Avenue and Infantry Parade.

This work will inform a business case that will assess the preferred options identified based on priorities and value for money. By the end of 2021, Transport will deliver a draft Strategic Corridor Plan and a draft Program Strategic Business case.



**Widening is proposed as a first step for safety**

# Current projects on Heathcote Road

Transport is also continuing with ongoing improvements including:

## **\$183 million investment, to widen Heathcote Road between Infantry Parade at Holsworthy to The Avenue at Voyager Point.**

- Widening the two-lane road to create a four-lane divided road.
- Upgrading the Macarthur Drive and The Avenue intersections to traffic light intersections.
- Duplicating three road bridges over Harris Creek, Williams Creek & the T2 Airport rail line.
- Replacing two road bridges over Harris Creek and Williams Creek.
- Providing a pedestrian and cyclist shared path along the road, connecting Voyager Point to Holsworthy Train Station and towards Hammondville.

## **\$73 million investment to widen Heathcote Road bridge over the Woronora River**

- Transport for NSW will deliver needed safety and widening works to the narrow bridge to improve traffic flow and make the bridge safer for motorists including large vehicles.
- Investigations have identified improvements to lane and shoulder widths, including on the approaches that will bring the bridge in line with today's safety standards.
- The plan is to carry out the works uninterrupted over six months to complete the improvements swiftly and reduce how long the community is affected by the bridge and road closures.



**Ongoing improvements: Heathcote Road between Infantry Parade and Voyager Point**

# Improvements delivered so far

Transport has been working to improve safety and reliability along Heathcote Road.  
We have recently delivered:



**\$2.7 million**

Pinch Point project to widen and upgrade the Heathcote Road intersection with New Illawarra Road at Lucas Heights



**\$0.7 million**

Heathcote Road superelevation safety improvement



**\$4.5 million**

Pinch Point project to widen and upgrade the Heathcote Road intersection with Princes Highway at Engadine



Speed reductions from **100km/h to 90km/h**

and audio-tactile line marking

## Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more on the Heathcote Bridge safety improvements please contact our project team:

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