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Pacific Highway improvements at Hexham (Hexham Straight Widening)

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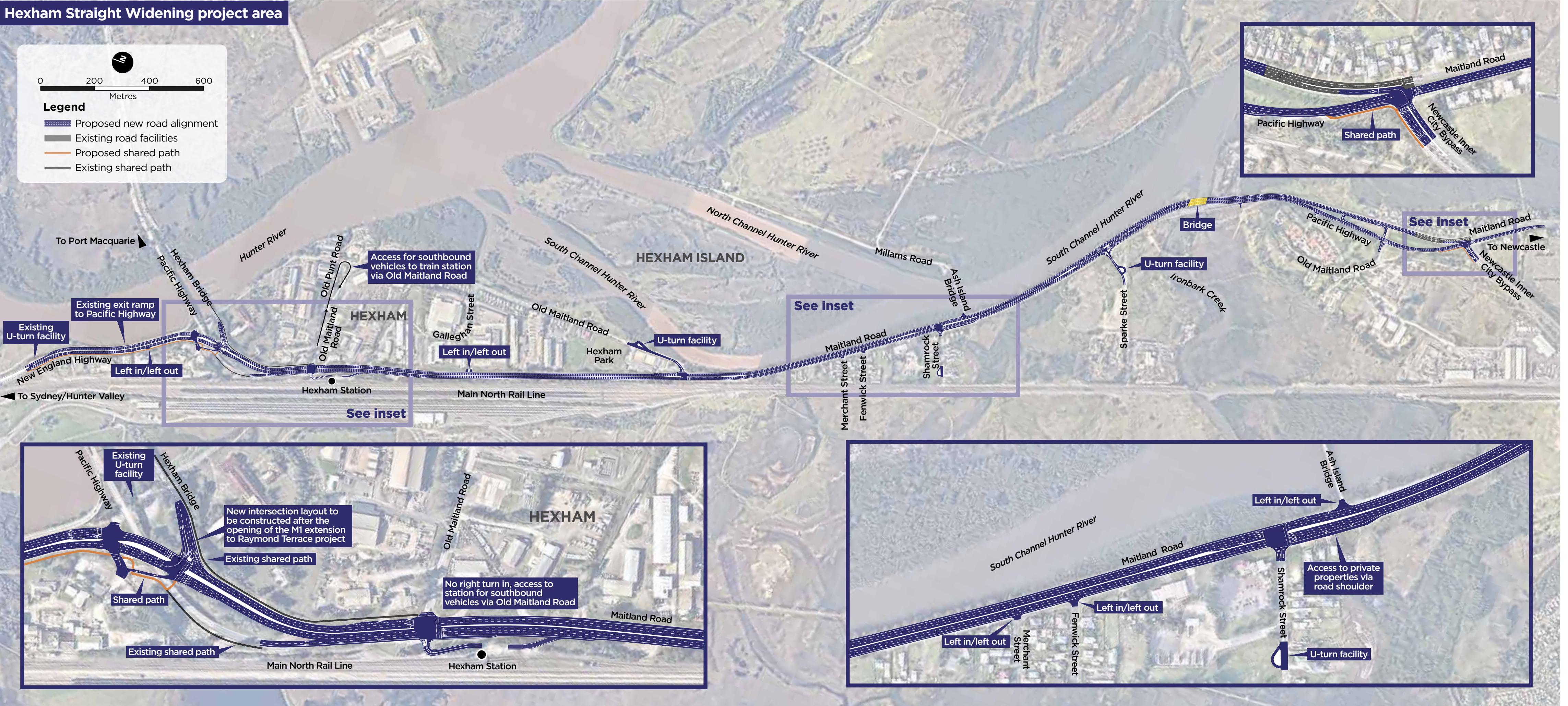


Submissions invited on the concept design and environmental assessments for the Hexham Straight Widening project.

The Australian Government and the NSW Government are investing in the upgrade and development of the section of the Pacific Highway (Maitland Road) known as Hexham Straight between the Newcastle Inner City Bypass and Hexham Bridge. A concept design, Review of Environmental Factors

(REF) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) have been prepared for the upgrade to identify potential impacts and mitigation activities.

The community and stakeholders are invited to provide feedback by **5pm on Tuesday 14 December**.





Project background

The Pacific Highway (Maitland Road) is a critical link in the National Land Transport Network, providing access to and from the Port of Newcastle. It carries some of the highest traffic volumes in the Hunter.

Around 50,000 motorists use this section of the highway daily. This upgrade will reduce congestion during peak periods and ensure the Pacific Highway at Hexham is prepared to handle future growth.



The proposal

The Hexham Straight Widening project would include:

- Widening six kilometres of Maitland Road from four to six lanes
- Demolition and replacement of the existing bridge over Ironbark Creek
- Relocating utilities
- U-turn facilities on Sparke Street, Shamrock Street and Old Maitland Road
- Modifying existing intersections along the route
- Improved cyclist and pedestrian connectivity.



Key Benefits

The upgrade would:

- Improve the connection between Newcastle and the New England Highway, M1 Motorway and the Pacific Highway
- Improve traffic flow for motorists and freight for more reliable travel times
- Support economic growth at key employment areas such as the Port of Newcastle and Greater Newcastle
- Improve safety for all road users.



Visit our new interactive portal at nswroads.work/hexhamportal to find out more about the REF.



Review of Environmental Factors

Transport for NSW has prepared an REF to determine the potential environmental and social impacts and proposed mitigation measures for the Hexham Straight Widening project.

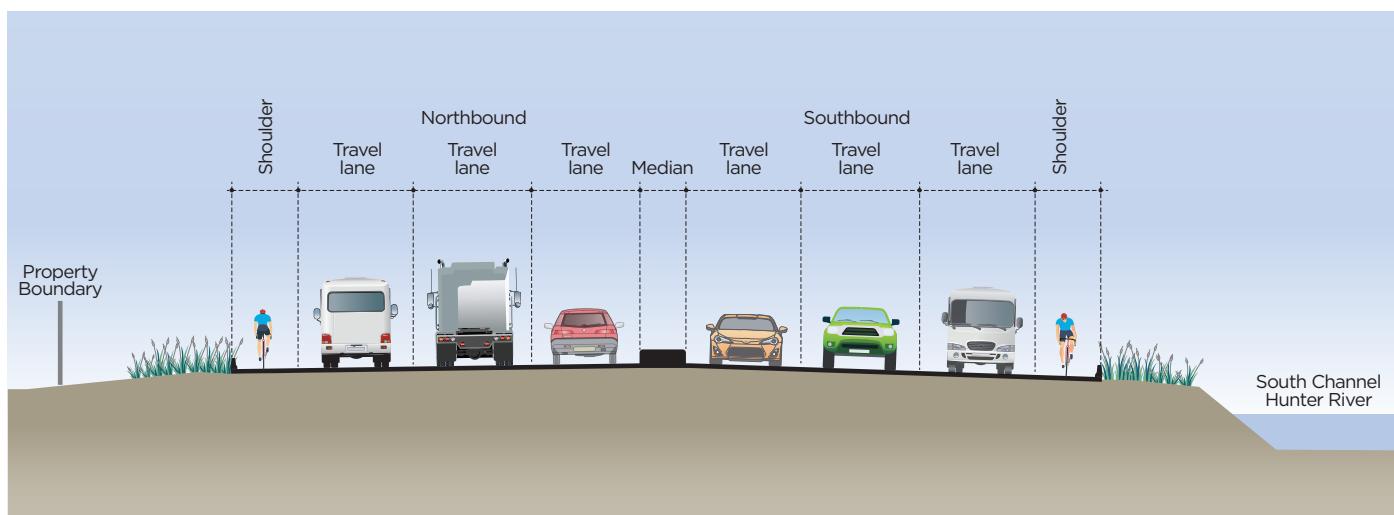
The REF is made available for community members and other stakeholders to review and submit their comments and questions.

Each submission received through the REF process would be considered and will assist the planning and delivery of the project.

The REF explains the proposed method to construct the project and addresses how the work will be managed, including the proposed methods used to minimise environmental impacts on:

- The local community through traffic, access, noise and vibration
- Flora and fauna
- Soils and water quality
- Socio-economic
- Flooding
- Aboriginal heritage.

To view or download the REF, visit nswroads.work/hexhamportal



Typical road cross section



Environmental Impact Statement

As small parts of the project fall on land classified as Coastal Wetlands under the state's planning rules, we are required to prepare an EIS and seek development consent from City of Newcastle Council.

The EIS outlines the potential impacts to the coastal wetlands areas and the steps we'll take to minimise the impacts. The EIS is available online at www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/council/news/public-notices.



Have your say

As we are displaying the REF and EIS at the same time, it is important that you make your comment in the right place.

To comment on the concept design and REF: visit the interactive portal or send your written comments to hexhamstraight@transport.nsw.gov.au.

To comment on the EIS: send your written comments to DAsubmissions@ncc.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions close on **Tuesday 14 December 2021 at 5pm**.

Transport for NSW will also host online information sessions where you can learn more about the upgrade and ask the project team questions. Scan this QR code to visit our interactive portal and register your details for a session



Contact us:

If you have any questions or would like more information on the upgrade please contact our project team:

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Next steps

After the submission period closes, a report responding to the REF submissions will be drafted and shared with the community. A report responding to the EIS submissions will also be prepared for Council's assessment.

We will consider all feedback received during the display period and continue to consult with the community in the next stage of the project.

The process so far



* pending funding approval