

Realignment of the Olympic Highway at Kapooka

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has prepared four options to realign the Olympic Highway and replace the existing bridge over the main southern railway line at Kapooka. The options are on display for comment until 25 February 2011.

Background

The RTA is planning for a future upgrade of the Kapooka Bridge across the main Sydney–Melbourne railway line on the Olympic Highway at Kapooka, 7.5 kilometres south of Wagga Wagga. The proposed upgrade would improve road safety along this stretch of highway which has a history of crashes.

Built in 1880, the bridge includes two, 90 degree bends on the approaches, where the majority of crashes occur. The RTA has been investigating how to best upgrade this crossing and approaches. Factors being considered include the existing road, topography, environmental and utility constraints, weather conditions, and local land use and ownership.

The project

The RTA has developed four options which include a new bridge on an improved alignment on the Olympic Highway at Kapooka. Key features of the project would be:

- A new two-lane bridge over the main southern railway line.
- Realignment of the Olympic Highway to form consistent 100km/h travel conditions.
- Relocation of the intersection with Camp Access Road for the Kapooka Military Area.

Benefits

- Improved road safety for all road users.
- Improved travel and freight efficiency.
- Improved rail safety and efficiency.
- Wide shoulders providing improved access for cyclists.

What happens next



Progress to date

The options are shown overleaf. While environmental, urban design, heritage, utility and other investigations are continuing, the RTA currently favours the North Bridge option, for reasons including:

- Less impact on Kapooka community.
- Less land required.
- Least change in Kapooka access.
- Meets road and rail safety needs at lowest cost.

Have your say

We want your views and ideas. All comments received will be carefully considered as part of the next stage of the planning process. Please address written comments to:

Kapooka Project Development
Roads and Traffic Authority
PO Box 484, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Or email comments to South_West_Projects@rta.nsw.gov.au

Comments are required by **Friday 25 February 2011**.

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Information display

The proposed options will be on display until Friday 25 February 2011 at the following locations:

- Wagga Wagga City Council, Morrow Street, Wagga Wagga
Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm.
- RTA South West Regional Office, 1 Simmons Street, Wagga Wagga
Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm.

Further information

For more information please contact the project manager, Tim Wilson:

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Information is also available on the RTA website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au

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NORTH BRIDGE An improved Olympic Highway alignment and new bridge over the railway, north of the existing bridge. The intersection with Camp Access Road would be moved further north. This option would also improve the crest to the south of the existing bridge and is the RTA's current favoured option.

SOUTH BRIDGE A continuation of the Olympic Highway along Camp Access Road with a new bridge to be built to the south of the existing Kapooka Bridge. The intersection and access to the Kapooka Military Area would be relocated south of the existing intersection.

TWO BRIDGES A new Olympic Highway bridge to be north of the existing bridge with an additional crossing over the railway south of the existing bridge. The second bridge would provide a dedicated access to the Kapooka Military Area.

UNDERPASS An improved Olympic Highway alignment north and south of the existing bridge and Kapooka Military Area, before crossing underneath the railway line about 1.2km south of the existing bridge.

