

Transport for NSW

Proposed safety improvements on the Oxley Highway and King Creek Road intersection at Wauchope

Have your say - November 2021



Background

The NSW Government is investing in improvements at the Oxley Highway and King Creek Road intersection to improve the safety and efficiency of the intersection.

Between 2015 and 2020 there were eight crashes at the intersection of the Oxley Highway and King Creek Road. These crashes included three serious injury crashes, eight moderate injury crashes and one noncasualty crash.

Transport for NSW has been developing short, medium and long-term strategies to improve safety at this intersection in response to safety and efficiency issues raised by the community. Community members have advocated for both short-term and long-term strategies to address both safety and traffic growth in the area.

The Oxley Highway road corridor is significantly constrained at the King Creek intersection due to water, power and optic fibre services to the north; properties and nearby houses to the south; and bridges and culverts to the east/ west. This means that potential options such as a roundabout or traffic signals require a longer development time and detailed investigations in the planning phase to ensure they are able to operate safety and efficiently.

Transport for NSW is now seeking community feedback on short and medium-term strategies to improve safety while longer term solutions are investigated.



Short term improvements

We are working towards installing permanent vehicle activated signage (VAS) in both directions on the Oxley Highway in the first half of 2022 to warn motorists of the upcoming intersection. This process involves environmental and survey investigations, design of footings and a formal procurement process.

While the planning for the permanent VAS installation continues we will install trailer mounted variable message signage (VMS) from 22 November 2021 as an interim strategy. We will also trim vegetation to improve sight lines along the Oxley Highway on the approach to King Creek Road. We are doing this because of anticipated increases in traffic volumes following the lifting of Covid restrictions. We will provide the community with an update on timing for installation of the VAS when timeframes are confirmed.

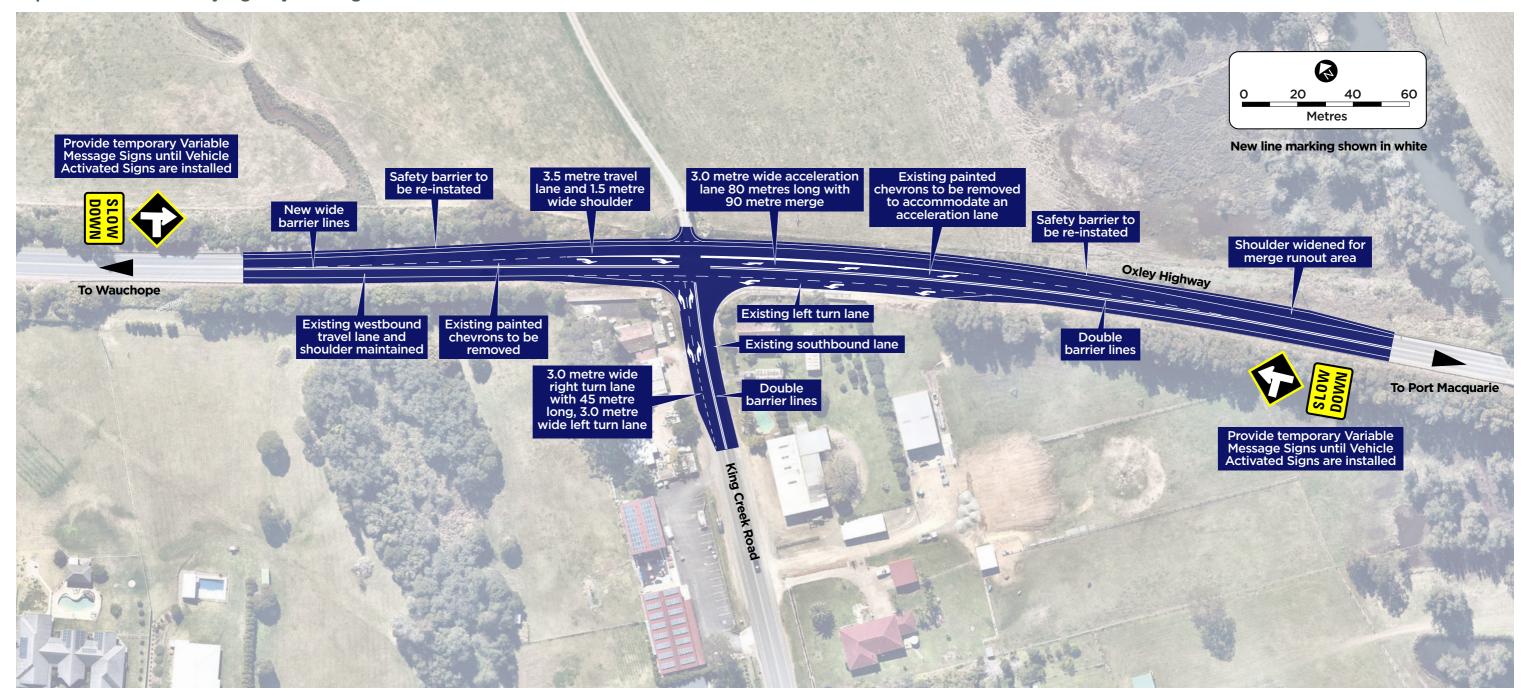


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We are also proposing medium-term strategies to improve safety at the intersection, which we could implement as soon as possible with available funding. Our medium-term strategies are shown on the map over leaf. Transport is seeking your feedback on our proposal by **5pm on Friday 17 December 2021**.



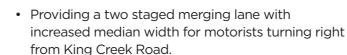
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The safety improvements at the King Creek Road and Oxley Highway intersection would include:

- Installing vehicle activated signs (solar operated) to warn east and west bound motorists of vehicles turning out of King Creek Road and turning right into King Creek Road.
- Providing a left turn lane, 45m in length, in King Creek Road.
- - improving the intersection



- Removing the existing channelised right turn treatment.
- · Maintaining right and left turn movements from the Oxley Highway into King Creek Road.
- · Resurfacing the road in the project area.





The intersection improvements would provide:

- The merging lane for motorists turning right from King Creek Road would provide additional width for motorists to access the two-stage auxiliary lane. This would enable drivers to turn with greater
- The merging lane for motorists turning right from King Creek Road would improve the capacity of the intersection and reduce the right turn queue lengths.
- Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) on the Oxley Highway approaches to the intersection would warn motorists that vehicles are approaching the King Creek Road intersection.

- The short left-turn lane out of Kings Creek Road would provide motorists who want to turn right out of the intersection with the opportunity to pass queued traffic.
- The proposal would improve the current King Creek Road queue lengths during morning peak period for traffic turning right.
- The proposal would not impact on public utilities.
- · No property acquisition would be required as a part of the proposal.

Project timeline: Medium-term strategies

Planning and investigations

Consultation on the proposed intersection upgrade



Community consultation report February 2022

> Approval to proceed **March 2022**

Finalise detailed design mid-2022

> Start construction* late-2022

Open to traffic* late-2023

*timing to be confirmed



Next steps

- Transport will carefully consider all the feedback received and will publish a community consultation report in early 2022
- We will return to the project area to install the VAS in the first half of 2022
- · Planning, including environmental and survey investigations, will continue and would inform the final design of the medium-term strategies
- Transport will continue to investigate and seek funding for longer term safety improvements at the intersection such as a roundabout or traffic lights
- We will continue to keep the community informed as the project progresses.

Transport for NSW is inviting feedback from the community about medium-term safety improvements at the Oxlev Highway and King Creek Road intersection at Wauchope.

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Our proposal is described in detail overleaf.

The community is invited to comment by 5pm on Friday 17 December 2021 to:

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or

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We will publish a community consultation report in early 2022



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