

Link Road Corridor Study

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

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Corridor process - general

What is the process to identify a corridor?

The identification of a short list of corridor options follows engineering, environmental and land use investigations and detailed consultation with local government, business and other key stakeholders.

The project team has used this input to develop corridor options that avoid or reduce the impact on residential housing, schools and environmentally sensitive areas as much as possible. Following community consultation TfNSW will use the feedback received to help select a preferred option for the corridor.

What community consultation has been carried out so far?

Meetings with key stakeholders including the Council, representative bodies and businesses in the region have been held regularly throughout the corridor shortlisting process.

We have also hosted two community information sessions in November and December 2018.

The short list of options will go on display for community comment in November 2020. This will provide an opportunity for the community to review the options and provide feedback.

When will the Link Road be built?

Prior to the construction of the Link Road, the development will have to obtain the appropriate planning approval. This approval will be in the form of a development consent from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment or Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

There is no specific timeframe for how long the planning approval process can take and because of this there is no confirmed construction date for the Link Road. As the project advances a timeline for construction will be confirmed, subject to funding.

My property is in one of the corridors, if it is selected as the preferred option does that mean it will be acquired?

At this stage, TfNSW is only seeking feedback on options in order to identify a corridor of land for the Link Road. There is no intention or need to immediately acquire land or property for the selected corridor.

People who own land in an identified corridor can continue to live in or use their property until it is needed.

Acquisition normally occurs closer to when the infrastructure is to be built, and this could be years in the future. Whenever we reach the point these roads are needed, there will be further extensive community consultation as part of a detailed design and planning approval process.

Can I still sell my property privately?

You can choose to sell your property privately even if it is within the road corridor. If the property is affected and required for a road project, TfNSW will eventually acquire it.

How big will the corridor be?

The short-listed options range in length from around four kilometres long to around six kilometres long, and are between 40 and 120 metres wide.

Why don't the short-listed options avoid residential areas completely?

It is not possible to identify a road corridor free of impacts. Incorporating community feedback and designing a road that minimises impacts is about balance. Impacts have been avoided and minimised wherever possible. In some cases, the short-listed options may impact some areas to avoid even greater impacts elsewhere.

We now want to hear community feedback on the short-listed options so we can more clearly understand any impacts and help us identify a preferred option.

Project detail - Link road

What's the next step for the Link Road corridor project?

We now invite the community to review the options report and short-listed options and give us their feedback. This local knowledge will help us understand the benefits and impacts of each option in more detail. This feedback will then be incorporated into the identification of a preferred option.

Once the preferred option is selected funding will need to be made available to progress with the project. When funding is available the project will then be the subject of an *Environmental Assessment under Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to obtain project approval for construction of the project. As part of this process, further environmental and technical investigations will be carried out to inform the design.

Throughout this process and through the concept design, detailed design and construction phases, TfNSW will continue to consult with government agencies, key stakeholders and the community. Timing for the completion of this project will be confirmed at a later stage of the project and is subject to funding.

How were the corridor options developed?

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) consulted with key stakeholders including the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, and Campbelltown City Council to identify a long list of nine route options for the project.

Criteria were developed to measure traffic efficiency; active and public transport; land use; environmental impact; value for money and safety for each option.

Consultation with key stakeholders continued with a detailed assessment of each option to select a short list of four options.

When did the corridor study commence?

The Link Road Corridor Study commenced in October 2018 to identify options for the proposed east-west link road (the Link Road).

What is the purpose of the Link Road?

The Link Road would provide a key connection between Appin Road, Gilead and Menangle Road, Menangle Park and support future growth in the region.

How does the corridor connect through the Macarthur region?

The Link Road would provide access to the future Spring Farm Parkway Stage 1 and the Hume Motorway. A future Stage 2 of the Spring Farm Parkway would complete the connection from Appin Road to the Camden Bypass.

What are the objectives of the Link Road corridor?

- Provide an efficient east-west link across the Greater Macarthur Growth Area
- Cater for active and public transport
- Integrate with existing and future land uses
- Minimise environmental impact
- Ensure the safety for all users
- Maximise value for money.

What are the features of the short-listed options?

The four options would include:

- A dual carriageway connection between Appin Road and Menangle Road
- Four lanes are proposed, with a wide central median that would allow an additional travel lane in each direction, if required
- 80 km/h speed limit
- Bridge or drainage structures are proposed to cross creeks and flood prone land
- Noise mitigation is proposed where the road is close to existing communities. The exact locations would be confirmed during further design.

How can I learn more about the project? How can I have my say?

The Options Report for the Link Road Corridor Study and four options are on display until Friday 11 December 2020. We invite you to provide feedback on the options during this consultation phase.

Please send your comments and questions through in writing by post, email, or online via the project interactive portal.

The Options Report is available online www.rms.nsw.gov.au/linkroadcorridorstudy or view a printed version at Campbelltown Civic Centre and H J Daley Library in Campbelltown during opening hours.



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Online Information Session

To ensure the health and safety of the community and our staff we will replace face to face community information sessions with an online information session using Microsoft Teams. The online community information session is an opportunity to ask the project team questions and seek further information.

You are invited to join the live information session on Wednesday 25 November 2020 from 4-4.45pm at:
www.nswroads.work/lrcsinfosession

The session will be recorded and available on the project website to view during the consultation phase. If you are not able to join the live session or would like to submit your questions in advance, please email the team at **linkroadcorridorstudy@rms.nsw.gov.au** or call us on **1800 519 505**.

We welcome your feedback by **Friday 11 December**.

What happens next?

At the end of the display period we will summarise comments or questions received and publish our responses in a Community Consultation Report. The report will be available on the project website. If you submit feedback you will receive notification of the report's availability.

We will continue to keep community members and other stakeholders informed as the project progresses.

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