

Stage two work starting on Main Road upgrade, Heddon Greta from early October

The NSW Government is funding a road upgrade from Stanford Street to just north of Trenchard Street to improve traffic flow and safety as traffic volumes increase.

Stage one of the upgrade involved road upgrade work to facilitate the installation of traffic lights at the Main Road and Heddon Street intersection and providing two lanes in each direction at the intersection. This work has been funded and delivered by the Developer of the nearby residential estate and was required as part of the Developer's Development Application approval with Cessnock City Council.

To provide further traffic flow benefits to motorists, Transport for NSW developed a second stage of work adjoining the upgraded intersection. Stage two, shown in the diagram, includes:

- extending the two travel lanes in each direction on Main Road.
- extending the concrete median from Heddon Street to Stanford Street to improve safety by separating motorists travelling in opposite directions and preventing motorists from turning across multiple lanes.
- banning right turns in and out of Stanford Street, to reduce the risk of crashes. Motorists will be able to turn right by using the new traffic lights at the Heddon Street intersection.
- closing the access into Averys Lane from Main Road. Motorists will be able to access Averys Lane by using the new traffic lights at the Heddon Street intersection.
- introducing a no stopping zone along this section of Main Road and at the Heddon Street intersection.
- providing off-peak parking in front of the local shops. Parking will not be permitted between the hours of 6.30am and 9.30am and 3pm and 6pm weekdays.
- installing roadside safety barrier to help prevent motorists from veering off the road.
- providing a cycle lane to help cyclists travel safely through the intersection
- upgrading watermains
- constructing the final road surface and traffic light posts at the intersection at Heddon Street.

The traffic lights at Main Road and Heddon Street will be switched on when stage two has been completed.

We will be carrying out some early work from **Sunday 12 September** to prepare for the start of Stage two. This early work will involve resurfacing Main Road near the Heddon Street intersection to provide a smoother road surface to allow for shifting travel lanes during construction.

Our work schedule

We will be carrying out the early resurfacing work from **Sunday 12 September** for **two nights** between **7pm** and **5am**, weather permitting.

Work on the second stage of work is scheduled to start in **early October**.

Work will be delivered in sections, starting at the eastern end of the project, and will be carried out between **7am** and **5pm** on **weekdays**. To minimise impacts to motorists, some work will be carried out at night.

We will provide more detail about our work schedule before **Stage two** begins.

How will the work affect you?

The work will involve the use of machinery which generates some noise. We will make every effort to minimise noise by arranging the work in stages at different locations, completing noisier activities earlier in the night and turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use.

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe. A reduced 40km/h speed limit will be in place until completion of stage two. Temporary barriers will remain at the Heddon Street intersection with left in and left out access in place until stage two is completed.

Lane closures and traffic control will be in place during work hours and may affect travel times.

Work will be delivered in sections starting at the eastern end of the project. Parking will be impacted within the work area, however parking for the local shops will be provided during construction.

Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our Project Manager, Andrew Jenkins on 02 4968 5225 or andrew.d.jenkins@transport.nsw.gov.au.

For more information on our projects, visit roads-maritime.transport.nsw.gov.au

Thank you for your patience during this important work.



If you need help understanding this information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call us on 02 4968 5225.

Stage two – Main Road upgrade, Heddon Greta

