

Project update for Main Road upgrade, Heddon Greta

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

Transport for NSW is carrying out an upgrade on Main Road. The work currently underway is a second stage of work following on from the intersection works completed last year by the developer of the nearby residential estate. The work at the intersection was required under the developer's Development Application conditions with Cessnock City Council.

The work being delivered by Transport is a separate project and involves upgrading Main Road between Stanford Street to near Trenchard Street to provide additional lanes, which will facilitate the operation of the traffic lights and improve intersection capacity.

When will the traffic lights be switched on?

The traffic lights at Main Road and Heddon Street will be switched on when the stage two work has been completed later this year. The intersection has been designed to operate with two lanes in each direction on Main Road, which is part of the work currently being delivered.

The traffic lights cannot operate until stage two has been completed as the traffic management during construction requires lanes to be shifted to allow road work to be carried out. The barriers and traffic control measures are needed to ensure the safety of motorists until the final lane configuration is in place.

Why is the work being delivered in two stages?

Work required under a Development Application (DA) is the responsibility of the developer. The DA outlines what is required and the first stage was designed and delivered by the developer to meet those requirements.

As part of the review of the developer's proposed intersection upgrade, Transport determined an additional stage of work would provide traffic efficiency benefits on Main Road into the future. A separate project was then developed and funding secured for delivery. Transport waited until the first stage was completed before progressing with construction to reduce issues with adjoining work areas, such as traffic management and construction access.

When will work restart?

We have completed work in the section to the east of Heddon Street. However, two aged watermains stretch along the length of the remaining project area, within the road, and have to be removed and replaced before the next section west of Heddon Street can begin.

There have been some delays with procurement for the watermain component of the project. The watermain work is now expected to start by April. Once the watermains have been replaced, the work on the road upgrades will continue.

Traffic changes

There will continue to be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work area 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 work restarts. Traffic arrangements at Heddon Street and Stanford Street intersections will then be adjusted as required during different stages of construction.

Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of signs.

Next steps

We will provide the community with another update next month once we have the work schedule confirmed for the watermain component of work.

We'd like to thank the community for their patience during this important work.

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