

Mitchell Highway (Cobra Street) and Fitzroy Street intersection upgrade

About the project

What is happening?

The NSW Government is investing \$14 million to upgrade the Mitchell Highway (Cobra Street) and Fitzroy Street intersection to improve safety and efficiency. This work is being undertaken as part of the \$195 million investment to build a better Dubbo.

The roundabout at the intersection will be replaced with traffic lights. The upgrade will reduce congestion for highway and local traffic, particularly during peak hours.

Where are we now?

Transport for NSW invited the community and stakeholders to view the proposed design for the Mitchell Highway (Cobra Street) and Fitzroy Street intersection upgrade from Monday 27 May 2019 until Friday 28 June 2019. During this time, Transport for NSW received a total of 22 responses to the design.

The Building a better Dubbo 2019 Consultation Report is now available on the project website. The report provides a summary of all suggestions, issues and concerns raised by the community and stakeholders in submissions to the Mitchell Highway (Cobra Street) and Fitzroy Street intersection upgrade, as well as Transport for NSW's responses to these.

What are the key features of the project?

The Mitchell Highway (Cobra Street) and Fitzroy Street intersection upgrade includes the following features:

- Traffic lights in place of the existing roundabout
- New pedestrian crossings on all four sides of the intersection with foot ramps to improve wheelchair and pram access
- Widened intersection to improve traffic flow
- Relocation of some underground service utilities and overhead power
- Improvements to street lighting
- Improvements to road quality and the reduction of hazards.

What are the project benefits?

The aim of the intersection upgrade is to improve safety and traffic efficiency. This includes:

- Improve motorist, pedestrian and cyclist safety at the intersection
- Improve traffic efficiency by better regulating traffic flow to accommodate increasing traffic volumes
- Reduce congestion for highway and local traffic, particularly during peak hours
- Improve intersection street lighting.

Has work on the project started?

Yes. Following consultation with residents, businesses, Council and key local stakeholder groups, Transport for NSW started on a number of treatments to improve access and safety at this intersection in mid-October 2019.

Work included the removal of trees to enable future widening work and to establish a site compound.

The project is scheduled to open to traffic in 2021, weather permitting.

Why do the Jacaranda trees need to be removed?

The proposed design requires the removal of the Jacaranda trees on Fitzroy Street. This is to improve sight distances for motorists, facilitate kerbside parking, and remove hazards away from travel lanes.

Are the trees being replaced?

The community significance of these trees is recognised. In 2016, mature replacement trees were planted along the eastern and southern boundary of Elston Park (near Cobra Street and Fitzroy Street) to offset this loss.

Will Elston Park be accessible during the works?

Yes, important community spaces at Elston Park such as the water park, playground areas, and tennis courts will be accessible during the planned works. Park users will be advised well in advance of potential disruption.

Will service stations remain operational?

Yes, service stations will remain operational during the upgrade works. There may be some changes to access during some stages. We will consult with businesses ahead of time and impacts will be publicly advertised.

Will the current median lane on Cobra Street stay?

No, the existing median island along Cobra Street will be removed.

A new central concrete median island will be installed along Cobra Street and Fitzroy Street to prevent unsafe vehicle movements.

Are there changes to kerbside parking?

Yes, there are some changes to parking which is shown in the aerial layout on the project website. Some parking along Fitzroy Street and Cobra Street within the project will change to parallel parking.

Within the entire project length there will be a reduction of 43 parking spaces. Currently there are about 133 car parking spaces within the project length and the proposed design retains 90 of these.

Isolated areas of kerb and guttering will require widening to accommodate retained parking, and immediate business and residences will be consulted throughout various stages of these adjustments.

How will the community be informed about the development of the project?

Transport for NSW will continue to engage with the community as the project develops.

A fly-through, animation video showing the upgrade proposal is available for viewing online at nswroads.work/dubbo.

How can I contact the project team?

If you have any questions or would like more information on Dubbo road projects please contact our project team:



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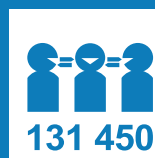
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