

There are no changes proposed to the intersection of Mona Vale Road and Manor Road as this intersection has already been upgraded to a four lane configuration with traffic lights and signalised pedestrian crossings.

To help better explain these upgrades, we have included a diagram.

Background

Roads and Maritime is proposing to upgrade Mona Vale Road between Terrey Hills and Mona Vale to improve safety and traffic efficiency. The upgrade includes:

- Stage one** – Intersection improvement of Mona Vale Road with Ponderosa Parade and Samuel Street, Mona Vale. This work is currently being carried out and is due to be completed in late 2014
- Stage two** – Mona Vale Road East Upgrade: (this project) Upgrade of 3.2 kilometres of Mona Vale Road from two lanes to four lanes between Manor Road, Ingleside and Foley Street, Mona Vale
- Stage three** – Mona Vale Road West upgrade: Upgrade of 3.2 kilometres of Mona Vale Road from two lanes to four lanes between McCarrs Creek Road, Terrey Hills and Powder Works Road, Ingleside. The preferred route was announced in August 2013 and Roads and Maritime is currently displaying the proposed preliminary concept design and is seeking feedback.

Delays occurring along Mona Vale Road East are primarily due to the reduced speeds associated with climbing the steep grade. Mona Vale Road East climbs 135 metres in height from the intersection of Ponderosa Parade and Samuel Street (elevation 25 metres) over a 2.5 kilometres length to Manor Road (elevation 160 metres). Heavy vehicles are particularly susceptible to slowing caused while climbing or descending the steep grade.

In October 2013 there was a fatal tanker crash just east of the Ponderosa Parade and Samuel Street intersection. The tanker's brakes failed while descending from the Warriewood Escarpment. This is the second fatal truck crash as a result of loss of brakes on the steep grade on this section of Mona Vale Road.

Frequently asked questions

Q. What provisions are being made for cyclists?

Roads and Maritime would provide a shared path along the southern side of Mona Vale Road between Foley Street and Ponderosa Parade. The proposed road upgrades would also provide three metre wide shoulders on Mona Vale Road East for on-road cyclists.

Q. What provisions are being made for pedestrians?

Roads and Maritime would provide a shared path along the southern side of Mona Vale Road between Foley Street and Ponderosa Parade. Roads and Maritime is also investigating pedestrian connectivity options away from the Mona Vale Road corridor because the road descends steeply from the Warriewood Escarpment.

Q. How will the road upgrade improve safety?

The proposed road upgrade would provide:

- three metre wide shoulders for on-road cyclists and to allow a safer area for breakdowns
- additional lanes for climbing and descending to improve travel time in both directions and to allow vehicles to safely pass heavy vehicles on the steep grade
- a central concrete safety barrier along Mona Vale Road from east of Manor Road to west of Daydream Street to prevent vehicles crossing to the other side of the road.

Q. How will the proposed road upgrade prevent another truck crash due to brake failure?

Roads and Maritime is investigating options for a truck arrester bed in response to the truck crashes that have occurred on the downhill slope of Mona Vale Road East. The results of this investigation will be considered during concept development and included in the display of the final concept design and Review of Environmental Factors.

Q. What fauna crossings are being investigated as part of the proposed road upgrade for Mona Vale Road East?

Roads and Maritime is proposing to widen the existing culvert between the Katandra Wildlife Sanctuary and Ingleside Chase to provide fauna connectivity on Mona Vale Road East. Detailed flora and fauna surveys are also being carried out to identify any potential impacts from the proposed road upgrade.

Q. The Ingleside Land Release will introduce additional traffic to Mona Vale Road. Will the proposed road upgrade cater for the expected increase in traffic volumes?

Roads and Maritime is working closely with Pittwater Council and the Department of Planning and Environment and has taken the projected traffic into account in the traffic modelling for the upgrade.

Q. Will the road upgrade require any property acquisition?

We may need to acquire some properties impacted by the proposed road upgrades. Roads and Maritime has held discussions with potentially affected property owners and will continue to work closely with the community to minimise any impacts.

Q. What is happening to Mona Vale Road West?

Roads and Maritime is proposing to upgrade 3.2 kilometres of Mona Vale Road from two lanes to four lanes between McCarrs Creek Road, Terrey Hills and Powder Works Road, Ingleside. The preferred route was announced in August 2013 and Roads and Maritime is currently displaying the proposed preliminary concept design for Mona Vale Road West alongside Mona Vale Road East and is seeking feedback by Friday 14 November 2014. A community update for Mona Vale Road West has also been distributed to the community together with this community update for Mona Vale Road East.

Q. What other road projects are under way in Sydney's northern suburbs?

- Wakehurst Parkway flood mitigation** – Roads and Maritime is investigating options to reduce the impact of flooding on Wakehurst Parkway in parallel with the planning for the Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrades.
- Wakehurst Parkway left turn slip lane extension** – Roads and Maritime is extending the southbound left turn lane for Wakehurst Parkway into Frenchs Forest Road East to improve traffic flow and safety for all road users. This work is currently being carried out and is due to be completed in early 2015.
- Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrades** – The NSW Government is planning to invest \$400 million in road upgrades around the new Northern Beaches Hospital with works scheduled to be completed in time for the hospital opening. These upgrades would provide customers with a better travelling experience by car or bus, increase the capacity of the road network and improve access through the precinct. Roads and Maritime Services is planning and delivering the road upgrades in two stages. Stage one would provide essential access to the Northern Beaches Hospital. Stage two would help increase capacity of the road network and reduce congestion. Roads and Maritime developed a concept design for stage one and a schematic layout for stage two and sought feedback in July/August 2014. Community feedback on the proposal is currently being reviewed.

How can you get involved?

Roads and Maritime recognises the importance of involving the community in the proposed road upgrade for Mona Vale Road East.

Roads and Maritime will host three community information sessions. The project team will be available to answer questions and receive feedback on the proposed road upgrades for Mona Vale Road East and West. A formal presentation will not be given, so please feel free to drop in at any time during the information sessions.

- Thursday 23 October** from 5pm to 8pm at the German International School (Multi-purpose room), 33 Myoora Road at Terrey Hills.
- Saturday 25 October** from 10am to 2pm at the Mona Vale Memorial Hall (Main Hall), 1606 Pittwater Road at Mona Vale
- Saturday 1 November** from 9am to 1pm at the German International School (Multi-purpose room), 33 Myoora Road at Terrey Hills

The preliminary concept design for Mona Vale Road East is on display together with the preliminary concept design for Mona Vale Road West at Pittwater Council, 1 Park Street, Mona Vale. We are seeking feedback until Friday 14 November 2014.

This community update is available on the Roads and Maritime website. You can email the project team on monavaleroad@rms.nsw.gov.au and ask to be added to the stakeholder list to ensure you receive up-to-date information.

Have your say

Roads and Maritime is seeking feedback on the preliminary concept design until Friday 14 November 2014. Comments should be sent to:

Phone: **1800 633 332**

Email: **monavaleroad@rms.nsw.gov.au**

Mail: Mona Vale Road East upgrade
Roads and Maritime Services
PO Box 973, Parramatta CBD
NSW 2124

What are the next steps?



Further information

Please contact the Roads and Maritime project team:

Phone: **1800 633 332**

Email: **monavaleroad@rms.nsw.gov.au**

Web: **rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects** and search for 'Mona Vale Road'



Roads and Maritime Services

Privacy: Roads and Maritime Services ("RMS") is subject to the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* ("PPIP Act") which requires that we comply with the Information Privacy Principles set out in the PPPI Act.

All information in correspondence is collected for the sole purpose of assisting in the assessment of this proposal. The information received, including names and addresses of respondents, may be published in subsequent documents unless a clear indication is given in the correspondence that all or part of that information is not to be published. Otherwise RMS will only disclose your personal information, without your consent, if authorised by the law. Your personal information will be held by Roads and Maritime Services at 59 Darby Street, Newcastle NSW 2300. You have the right to access and correct the information if you believe that it is incorrect.

Community Update

OCTOBER 2014



Mona Vale Road East upgrade – Manor Road to Foley Street

What are the benefits?

The NSW Government is planning to upgrade Mona Vale Road from two lanes to four lanes between Terrey Hills and Mona Vale.

The project will be staged to provide customers with a better travelling experience and to improve safety and traffic efficiency. Mona Vale Road East currently experiences congestion as a result of the steep grades which reduces travel times, particularly for heavy vehicles. The proposed road upgrade for Mona Vale Road East would provide:

- additional lanes for climbing and descending to improve travel time in both directions
- widened shoulders and median separation to improve safety
- a consistent 80 km/h speed limit between Mona Vale and Belrose once the road upgrades for both Mona Vale Road East and Mona Vale Road West are completed
- facilities for cyclists and pedestrians
- bus priority measures.

Roads and Maritime has developed a preliminary concept design for Mona Vale Road East and is seeking your feedback. We will be accepting feedback on the design until Friday 14 November 2014.

What road upgrades are being proposed?

Roads and Maritime has developed a preliminary concept design for Mona Vale Road East which includes upgrading the 3.2 kilometres of Mona Vale Road between Manor Road and Foley Street from a two lane undivided road to a four lane divided road. Mona Vale Road East is proposed to be upgraded at the current level (i.e. at-grade) with the majority of widening being located on the northern side of Mona Vale Road. There would be a number of deep cuts and tall retaining walls as part of the road upgrade due to the local terrain.

The key features of the proposed road upgrade would include:

- Widening Mona Vale Road between Manor Road and Foley Street from two lanes to four lanes with a central concrete safety barrier. The concrete safety barrier would be located east of Manor Road to west of Daydream Street
- Providing three metre wide shoulders along the length of Mona Vale Road between Manor Road and Foley Street to allow a safer area for breakdowns and on-road cyclists
- Replacing the existing roundabout at the intersection of Ponderosa Parade and Samuel Street with new traffic lights and signalised pedestrian crossings
- Providing bus priority lanes on Mona Vale Road on the approaches to and departures from the intersection of Ponderosa Parade and Samuel Street
- Relocating the eastbound bus stop on Mona Vale Road near the Ponderosa Parade and Samuel Street intersection further east
- Upgrading the existing signalised T-intersection at Foley Street and Mona Vale Road to provide a westbound left turn lane into Foley Street and a westbound left turn lane out of Foley Street
- Providing a shared path along the southern side of Mona Vale Road between Foley Street and Ponderosa Parade
- Providing additional pedestrian connectivity away from the Mona Vale Road corridor due to the steep descent from the Warriewood Escarpment
- Providing fauna connectivity at the end of Lane Cove Road near Narrabeen Creek
- Changing the speed limit from 70 km/h to 80 km/h once the road upgrades for both Mona Vale Road East and Mona Vale Road West have been completed
- Making the Emma Street intersection left turn in and left turn out only.

