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# Mulgoa Road/Castlereagh Road corridor upgrade

Community update

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Aerial view of Mulgoa Road and M4 Motorway intersection.

The Australian and NSW Governments are planning to widen and upgrade the Mulgoa Road / Castlereagh Road corridor in Penrith to support current and future traffic demands and expected growth in the area.

## Background

Transport for NSW is upgrading 6.5 kilometres of the Mulgoa Road / Castlereagh Road corridor between Glenmore Parkway, Glenmore Park and Andrews Road, Penrith. Mulgoa Road is a main access route from Penrith to the M4 Motorway.

The corridor connects the Penrith community, including its central business district, with other parts of greater Sydney. The upgraded road would improve road safety, reduce congestion and improve travel times.

Subject to funding, the corridor upgrade would be developed and delivered in stages over the next 20 years.

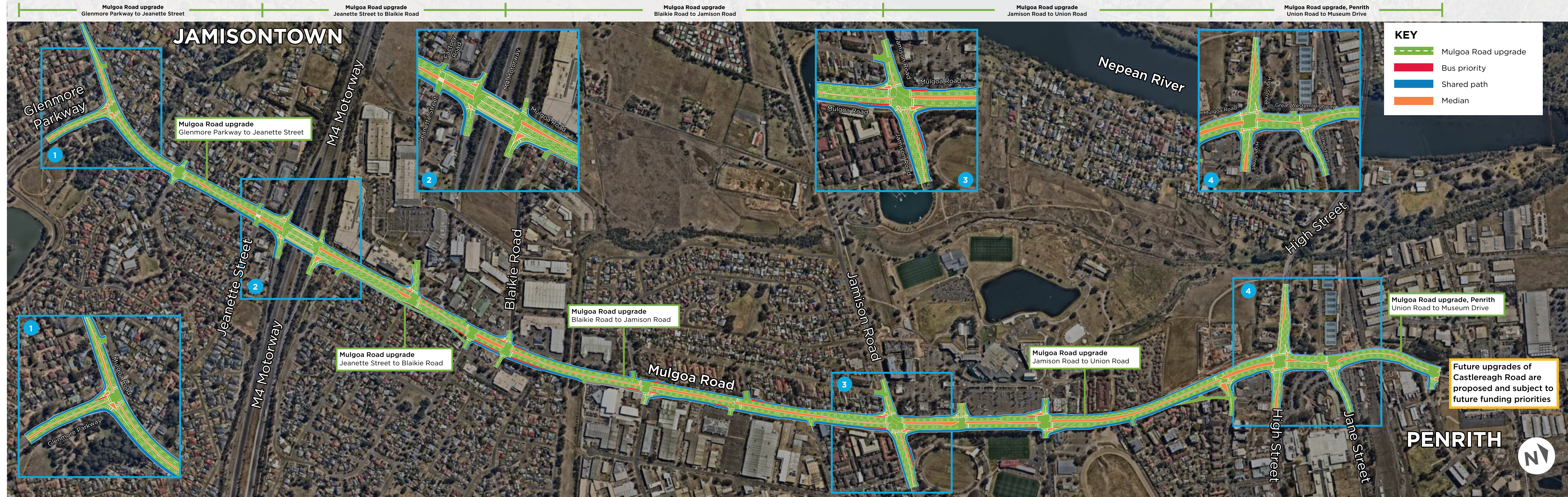
## Mulgoa Road upgrade, Jeanette Street to Blaikie Road

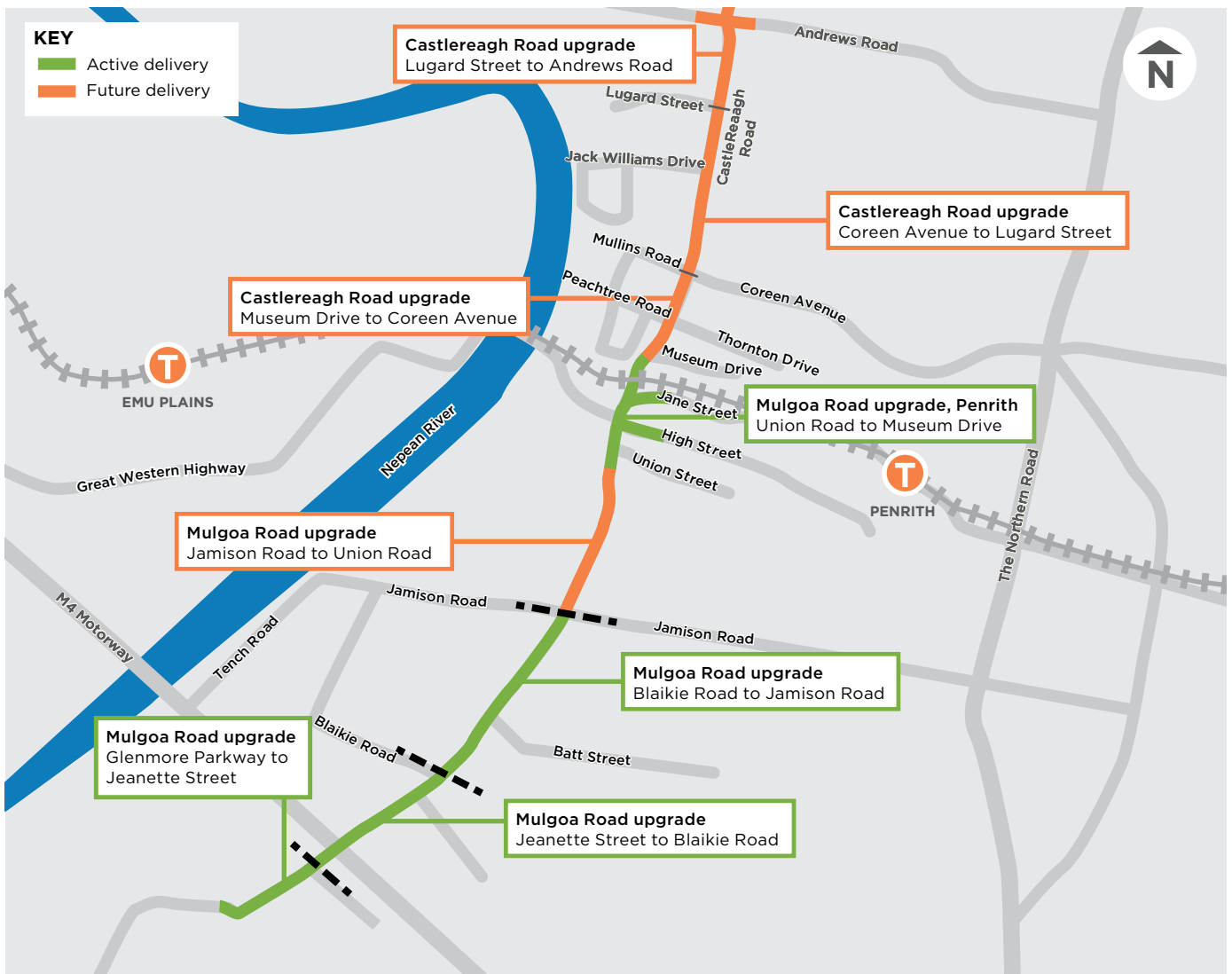
Transport for NSW consulted with the community in August/September 2018 to provide feedback on the Review of Environmental Factors (REF).

We have now obtained planning approval for the project and prepared a submissions report to summarise the recommended option and respond to the feedback we received.

Please refer to the inside of this community update for more information.

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Mulgoa Road/Castlereagh Road corridor – stages map

## Key benefits

- Improve road capacity to cater for population and employment growth
- Manage congestion and delays along Mulgoa Road/Castlereagh Road during peak periods
- Reduce travel times and transport costs
- Improve road safety for all users
- Facilitate the movement of goods and trucks
- Create better access to public transport
- Provide safe and effective pedestrian and cycling infrastructure
- Improve urban design and visual aspects of the road corridor.



**Greening  
the corridor**



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growth**

## Planning work continues

Funding has been allocated for the concept design and REF for the following stages:

- Between Glenmore Parkway and Jeanette Street
- Blaikie Road and Jamison Road
- Jamison Road and Union Road

Work on the concept design and REF for each of these stages is starting now.

## Jeanette Street to Blaikie Road Received planning approval

Planning is continuing on this important 1.3 kilometre section of Mulgoa Road.

From August to September 2018, we invited comments from the community and stakeholders on the REF for the proposed upgrade in this area. We received 84 submissions on the proposal.

### Greygum trees

Over half of the submissions we received were about our proposal to remove up to half of the 100 mature gum trees on the western side of Mulgoa Road, between Blaikie Road and Wolseley Street.

We recognise this is a concerning issue for some members of the community and we appreciate those who raised the issue during consultation. Since the consultation period, we have discussed this issue further with key stakeholders and interested community groups at a series of workshops and meetings.

To achieve the required traffic congestion benefits for the community from the upgrade, we need to widen Mulgoa Road in this area by an extra lane in each direction. To achieve this widening, the project had the option of either impacting some of the trees on the western side, or fully or partially acquiring up to 29 properties on the eastern side of the road.

We are committed to minimising and reducing the impact on the trees as much as possible while delivering this important upgrade. Through detailed design we will refine the utility relocation plans for the project and consider other opportunities to reduce impact to trees. We will also develop a tree canopy replacement plan, in consultation with the community, stakeholders and Penrith City Council to ensure there is still a significant tree covering in this important area at the entrance to the Penrith CBD.

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## Construction in progress from Union Road to Museum Drive including the Railway Bridge upgrade

We have made significant progress on this upgrade to replace the existing railway bridge and widen the road underneath, since construction started in December 2018.

The upgrade will improve the traffic flow in this key part of the corridor, including High Street.

## What have we achieved?

- Replaced the rail bridge over Castlereagh Road
- Completed 80 per cent of the utility relocations for the project
- Earthwork progress well underway.



## Tree canopy replacement

### New rail bridge over Castlereagh Road

We reached a key milestone on the Mulgoa Road upgrade over the Christmas and New Year period, by successfully replacing the rail bridge over Castlereagh Road.

This work was the result of two years of planning and consisted of closing Castlereagh Road and the Blue Mountains Railway line, demolishing the existing rail bridge, and moving the new rail bridge into place from over 100 metres away using specialist equipment.

We reopened Castlereagh Road sooner than planned, returning vehicle access on 30 December at 6.45pm.

The new wider bridge now allows us to build extra lanes under the railway line that will help improve journeys and save time for all road users in the area.

We could not have achieved this without the community's assistance. We appreciate this work caused some inconvenience with road detours and replacement train services in place. We truly appreciate the community's patience and understanding during the work.

We have some amazing timelapse footage of this significant work at our project website at [rms.nsw.gov.au/mulgoaroadpenrith](https://rms.nsw.gov.au/mulgoaroadpenrith).

## What happens next?

We will continue to engage with the community and stakeholders as the proposal progresses.




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Demolition of existing rail bridge



New rail bridge placed over Castlereagh Road



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