

Start of work on New England Highway safety improvements at Kootingal from Monday 11 January

The NSW Government has provided \$50 million from the Saving Lives on Country Roads Program for important safety improvements on the New England Highway between Uralla and Willow Tree. As part of the program, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) will deliver a number of safety improvements on the New England Highway between Sandy and Braefarm roads at Kootingal.

This section of the New England Highway is considered a high-risk area due to the large number of intersections in the 100 km/h speed zone. Following community consultation during 2019 and 2020, TfNSW will deliver the following safety improvements:

- Close intersections with the highway at Wilson and Gill streets to separate local traffic from through traffic on the highway
- Restrict access to the highway from Laurel, Oak, Pine and Privet streets to left-out only
- Connect Wilson and Gill streets via a short sealed service road (125 metres)
- Make improvements to Dorothy Avenue/Betts Lane, Chelmsford Street, Yarrol Road and Sandy Road intersections
- Rebuild and widen the road
- Install widened centre line on the highway to increase the separation of vehicles
- Remove a number of roadside trees to reduce the risk of impact during a crash and improve visibility at intersections
- Install roadside guardrail to reduce the risk of a vehicle hitting an object when leaving the road.

Work will start on **Monday 11 January 2021** and will take up to **nine months** to complete, weather permitting.

We will be working between **7am** and **6pm, Monday to Saturday**. We will let you know in advance if we need to work outside these times.

We have included a map to show the location of the project and drawings showing the safety improvements later in this notification.

How will the work affect you?

The work will involve the use of machinery which will generate some noise and vibration. We will make every effort to minimise noise during construction.

While access to properties in the area will be maintained at all times, **Laurel, Pine, Oak, Privet, Wilson, Gill streets will be closed at times during construction and residents will be notified in advance.**

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work area is safe.

In the work areas, traffic will be reduced to one lane with a reduced speed limit in place, which may affect travel times.

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 team on 6701 7965 or Ngoni.Zvarevashe@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.



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Safety improvements

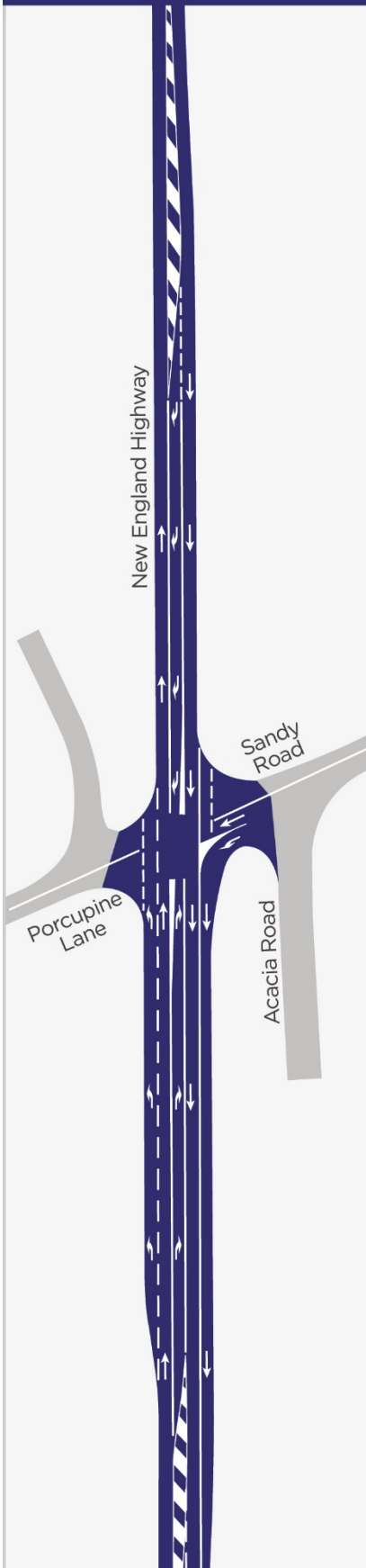


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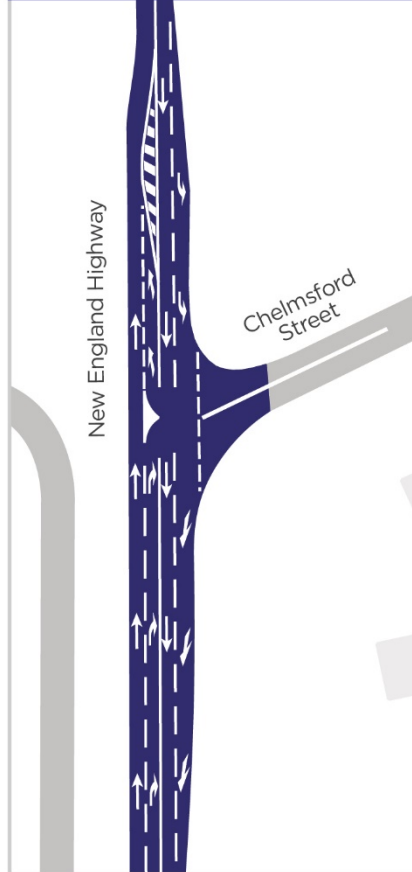


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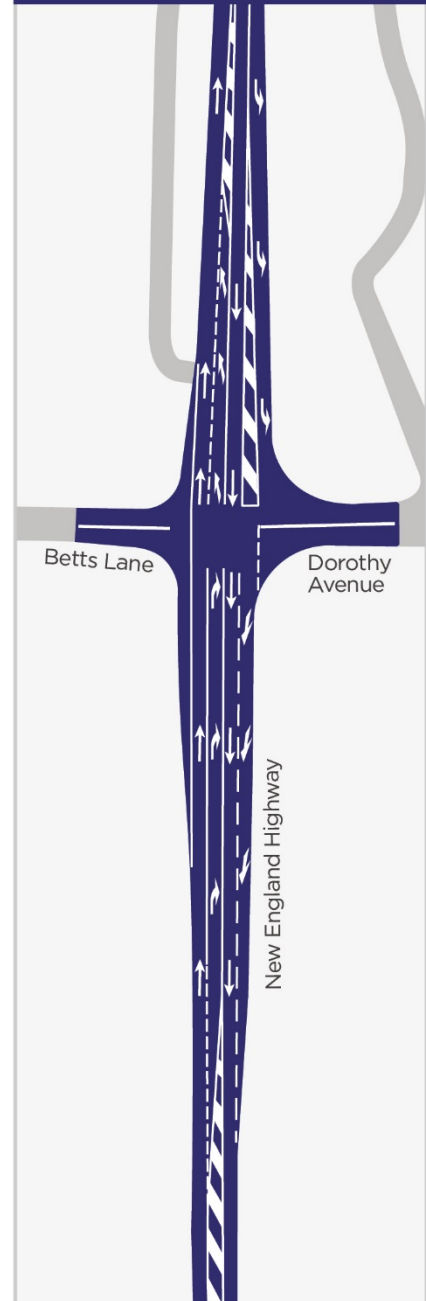
Sandy Road: A new southbound acceleration lane out of Sandy Road. Linemarking improvements to improve visibility when turning right into Sandy Road and right into Porcupine Lane.



Chelmsford Street: Install new acceleration lane for motorists turning right out of Chelmsford Street traveling northbound. Retain deceleration lane for motorist traveling southbound turning left into Chelmsford Street. Lengthen the right turn bay into Chelmsford Street to better define the turning lane prior to the crest of the hill.



Betts Lane and Dorothy Avenue: Vegetation cleared to improve sight distance. Widened sealed shoulders. New northbound acceleration lane out of Dorothy Avenue to replace existing right turn into Betts Lane. Improved left turn lane into Dorothy Avenue. Improvements to line-marking and signage



Yarrol Road: The intersection will be upgraded to provide a right turn lane from the highway into Yarrol Road for southbound motorists.

