

NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS: RANKIN PARK TO JESMOND (SSI-6888)
ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE MONTHLY REPORT

August 2021

Reporting Period: 1 to 31 August 2021

This ER monthly report is prepared in accordance with the Minister's Condition of Approval A26(k) for the Newcastle Inner City Bypass: Rankin Park to Jesmond (SSI-6888) and consistent with the Environmental Representative Protocol (August 2018).

PROJECT SUMMARY: Delivery of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass (NICB) Rankin Park to Jesmond (RP2J) project has been broken into four stages:

Stage 1: Detailed design investigations and low impact works – in progress.

Stage 2: Shared Path Bridge – completed March 2021.

Stage 3: Southern Interchange Utilities relocation works – in progress.

Stage 4: Main RP2J road construction – detailed design and RFT.

Works underway:

- Stage 1: House Demolition was completed June 2021
- Stage 2: Shared Path Bridge was completed March 2021
- Stage 3: Southern Interchange Utility Relocation works commenced in July 2021 and are ongoing
- Stage 4: Main Works, no work in August 2021

August 2021 Completed Works:

Stage 3 – Southern Interchange Utilities relocation works

- Completion of ancillary facility site establishment including office accommodation and connection to services
- Service locating ongoing throughout the project corridor along Lookout Road
- Flagging project boundary ongoing
- Pre-clearing ecological surveys
- Vegetation clearing for preparation of McCaffrey Drive under-bore work area
- Geotechnical investigations at McCaffrey Drive under-bore site
- Installation of traffic signage
- Removal of permanent line marking on Lookout Road and provision of temporary line marking to realign travelling lanes to enable working area for median removal



September 2021 Upcoming Works:

Stage 3 – Southern Utilities Relocation Works

- Treating site compound accesses and parking areas with bitumen and stone seal
- Median demolition and pavement infill on Lookout Road and realignment of southbound travelling lanes
- Placement of temporary concrete barriers along the southbound carriageway between McCaffrey Drive and just south of Grandview Road to create a safe work area on the eastern side of Lookout Road
- Overhead street lighting cut-over on Lookout Road and adjustments to property connections
- Trenched road crossing for gas infrastructure on Grandview Road
- Temporary access road constructed from site won material for under bore entry pit at corner of McCaffrey Drive and Lookout Road

ER Activity:

Reviews/Approvals/Advice

- Revised OOHW Application No. 20 (Low Risk) –Service Locating: review and approve
- OOHW Application No. 21 (Low Risk) – Installation of temporary construction traffic signs: review and approve
- OOHW Application No. 22 (Low Risk) – Lookout Road median demolition and infill to support realignment of travelling lanes: review and approve

Inspections

- A site inspection of the Utility relocations site compound and works was held on the 3rd August 2021 with the ER, Quickway and TfNSW in attendance. EPA and DPIE were not in attendance due to covid19 constraints on departmental personnel.
- A Joint ER/TfNSW inspection report was issued to Quickway.
- Given the current Covid19 restrictions it is unlikely an ER site inspection will be undertaken in September 2021. As an alternative, site photos and an inspection report will be undertaken by the TfNSW Environmental Officer and provided to the ER for review, comment and discussion.

Environmental Group Meetings / Site Meetings

- A monthly project meeting was held via video conference on 3rd August 2021 with TfNSW, EPA, DPIE and the ER in attendance.
- ERGs are not being held for early low impact works; however, inspections and project briefing meetings will be undertaken monthly.

Audits

- There were no ER audits held in August.



Stop Work Notices

- There were no Stop Work Notices in August.

Incidents

- There were no incidents in August.

CEMP, CEMPP & Minister's Conditions of Approval

Reports

- MCoA A26(k): Environmental Representative Monthly Report (July 2021) – Prepared, reviewed and sent to DPIE (Post Approvals and Compliance): submitted to DPIE (Portal): 10th August 2021.

Monitoring

- No monitoring is required for Stages 1, 2 or 3.

Community Consultation and Complaints

- Community notifications requesting feedback (three month look ahead and specific notification) on out of hours work were distributed to the community on the 17th August and 23rd August.
- This included specific notification about high impact out of hours work to about 200 residents.
- A number of general enquiries were received and responded to regarding the main project and southern utilities early work.

Project Positives

- Quickway have been given a Road Occupancy Licence that allows closure of both northbound and southbound median lanes concurrently on Lookout Road between 9am to 2pm until 10 September 2021 (to align with low traffic volume during current COVID lockdown) to complete median removal works. This has facilitated a reduction in the number OOHW shifts otherwise required to perform the work.



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Attachment: Site Images - August



Site Images – Stage 3: Southern Interchange Utilities relocation works (site establishment)



Image 1: Utility Relocation Works



Image 2: Utility Relocation Works



Image 3: Utility Relocation Works



Image 4: Utility Relocation Works



Image 5: Utility Relocation Works



Image 6: Utility Relocation Works

