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Newcastle Inner City Bypass – Rankin Park to Jesmond

Project update – Construction contract awarded July 2022

Major work on the Rankin Park to Jesmond section of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass will start later this year. Transport for NSW has awarded a construction contract to Fulton Hogan Construction Pty Ltd.

The Australian Government is investing \$360 million, with a further \$90 million from the NSW Government, to build this 3.4-kilometre section of the bypass.

The project will feature a northern interchange at Newcastle Road, an interchange providing access to the John Hunter Hospital Precinct, and a southern interchange at McCaffrey Drive.

The bypass will provide traffic relief to the surrounding road network by removing up to 30,000 vehicles each day from Lookout Road, Croudace Street and Newcastle Road

Once the bypass is complete, commuters will enjoy up to an 80 per cent reduction in travel times during the morning and afternoon peaks, bypassing 11 sets of traffic lights between Rankin Park and Jesmond.

Early work

The first stage of early work on the project to build a shared path bridge over Newcastle Road was completed in March 2021.

The second stage of early work which involved relocating major utilities on Lookout Road and McCaffery Drive is on track for completion by late July 2022. This early work will enable Fulton Hogan to accelerate work around the southern interchange when major work starts later this year.



Artist impression of Northern interchange

Next steps

Fulton Hogan will finalise the detailed design for the bypass and major work is expected to start in late 2022.

More information about our work program will be provided closer to work starting. We will keep the community informed as the project progresses.



Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Rankin Park to Jesmond project please contact our project team:



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