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Newcastle Inner City Bypass – Rankin Park to Jesmond

Project update

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Background

The Australian and NSW Governments are funding construction of a 3.4 kilometre bypass of inner city Newcastle, between Rankin Park and Jesmond, to the west of John Hunter Hospital.

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, in particular the existing route of Lookout Road, Croudace Street and Newcastle Road.

The Australian Government committed \$360 million towards the project in October 2020, with the NSW Government funding the remainder of the estimated \$450 million project.

Early work update

The first stage of early work on the project has been completed with a shared path bridge over Newcastle Road opening to pedestrians in November 2020.

The next stage of early work started in February 2021, with the demolition and site clearing of a number of Transport for NSW owned properties on Lookout Road, New Lambton Heights.



Completed shared path bridge over Newcastle Road.

Southern utilities relocation

A contract has been awarded to Quickway to relocate major utilities at the southern end of the project. This early work includes relocation of water, sewer, electrical, gas and telecommunication services to help prepare for the main construction of the bypass.

There will also be some preliminary road work on Lookout Road and McCaffrey Drive.

Work is scheduled to start in June and will take about 12 months to complete, weather permitting.

Preserving history

The Lambton Camp, known to some as Doggyville or more popularly by the community as Hollywood, was located on the bypass route from the 1920s until about 1960.

We have been researching the history of Hollywood and carried out an archaeological investigation and salvage of the site, looking for potentially historically significant artefacts and collecting information to form an oral history of the camp.

We are compiling the information and artefacts we collected and are working with City of Newcastle to ensure the preservation and sharing of this important local history with the community.



Building artefacts uncovered during archaeological salvage.

Next steps

Early engagement with construction partners for the main bypass work started in February 2021.

Registrations of interest to tender from pre-qualified major contractors have been accepted and are being assessed. A short-list of contractors will be selected to formally tender to deliver the project.

Work is expected to start in 2022 with the bypass opened to traffic in 2025.

We will continue to keep you informed as work progresses.

Contact us

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