

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

September 2021

Reporting Period: 1 to 30 September 2021

This Environmental Representative (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 September 2021

September 2021 Completed Works:

Stage 3 – Southern Interchange 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
- Overhead street lighting cut-over on Lookout Road and adjustments to property connections
- Temporary access road constructed from site won material for under bore entry pit at corner of McCaffrey Drive and Lookout Road
- Vegetation trimming and clearing on the northern side McCaffrey Drive and the installation of new timber power poles
- Vegetation clearing and service locating at the front and adjacent to 136-138 Lookout Road for water main relocation



October 2021 Upcoming Works:

Stage 3 – Southern Utilities Relocation Works

- 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 Road1
- Concrete median island at Lookout Road and McCaffrey Drive
- Trenched road crossing at Grandview Road for new gas main.
- Trenched road crossing at Lookout Road at Chainage7150 for new gas main and telecommunications conduits.
- Preparation works for underbore pit adjacent to Lookout Road
- Underbores of Lookout Road at approx. Chainage 7295 for new DN500 water main and telecommunications conduits and at approximately Chainage 7306 for new DN500 water main
- Tree clearing along Lookout Road and within Hunter Water land

ER Activity:

Reviews/Approvals/Advice

- OOHW Application No. 23 (Low Risk) – Lookout Road Electrical Outage: review and approve
- OOHW Application No. 24 (Low Risk) – Lookout Road Electrical Works: review and approve
- Resequencing of OOHW Application No. 22 (Low Risk) – Lookout Road median demolition and infill to support realignment of travelling lanes: review and approve
- Cumulative Assessment of resequencing OOHW Nos. 22, 23 and 24 – review and approve
- OOHW Application No. 25 (Low Risk) – Trenched Road Crossing: review and approve
- Low Impact Works – Southern Utilities Relocation Works, Pre-clearing Biodiversity Report (in-part) – review and approve

Inspections

- A site inspection was not held in September due to COVID19 lockdown restrictions. Andrew Grainger (TfNSW Environment Officer) inspected the site on the 9th September 2021 and provided photos for review. Refer to Attachment.
- A Joint ER/TfNSW inspection report was issued to Quickway for September.
- Pursuant to the health regulations at the time of this report preparation, it is likely ER site inspections will be able to recommence from 25th October. Hence, the next ER inspection is planned to align with the November Monthly Meeting scheduled for the 2nd November.



Environmental Group Meetings / Site Meetings

- A monthly project meeting was held via video conference on 7th September 2021 with TfNSW, DPIE and the ER in attendance.
- The next monthly project meeting is scheduled for the 2nd November.
- ERGs are not being held for early works and low impact works; however, inspections and project briefing meetings will be undertaken monthly.

Audits

- There were no ER audits held in September.

Stop Work Notices

- There were no Stop Work Notices in September.

Incidents

- There were no incidents in September.

CEMP, CEMPP & Minister's Conditions of Approval

Reports

- MCoA A26(k): Environmental Representative Monthly Report (August 2021) – Prepared, reviewed and sent to DPIE (Post Approvals and Compliance): submitted to DPIE (via Portal): 9th September 2021.

Monitoring

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

Community Consultation and Complaints

Complaints

General Construction

- Two complaints were received relating to vehicles using Grandview Road to turn around in and parking of an asphalt shuttle buggy.

OOHW Construction (McCaffery Drive)

- Three complaints were received relating to the clearing on McCaffery Drive during the OOHWs.



The complaints were unexpected with residents located outside of the notification area. The nearest being over 500 metres from the work. Each complainant was spoken to by Quickway and one of the residents was visited on the night of the work. Advice from Quickway construction personnel was that work was “almost inaudible”. However, monitoring was not performed on this occasion to verify. This will be performed for subsequent OOHW.

Community consultation

- Community notifications were distributed for OOHW applications 23, 24 and 25. This included broad notification for OOHW 25 which includes a local road detour
- September three month look ahead of OOHW anticipated between September 2021 and December 2021 distributed.

Project Positives

- None during September.



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Attachment: Site Images – 9th September 2021 (Provided by TfNSW)

