

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

October 2021

Reporting Period: 1 to 31 October 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 October 2021

October 2021 Completed Works:

Stage 3 – Southern Interchange Utilities relocation works

- 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 Chainage 7150 for new gas main and telecommunications conduits.
- Preparation works for underbore pit at the corner of McCaffrey Drive and Lookout Road
- Underbores of Lookout Road at approximate 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, within Hunter Water land and remaining area on McCaffrey Drive
- Installing and dressing overhead power poles and stringing conductors on McCaffrey Drive and Lookout Road



November 2021 Upcoming Works:

Stage 3 – Southern Utilities Relocation Works

- Further tree clearing within Hunter Water land
- Continued installation of electrical poles and wires along Lookout Road and McCaffrey Drive
- Trenching and installation of new DN500 water mains along Lookout Road
- Trenching and installation of new gas main along Lookout Road
- Underbores at Lookout Road and McCaffrey Drive intersection for new dual DN500 water mains

ER Activity:

Reviews/Approvals/Advice

- Joint ER / TfNSW Environmental Inspection Report 5/10/20 - Review
- Resequencing OOHW Application No. 24 (Low Risk) – Lookout Road Electrical Works: review and approve
- OOHW Application No. 26 (TfNSW approval) – Electrical Outage Work: for information
- Resequencing OOHW Application No. 22 (Low Risk) – Lookout Road Medium Roadworks: Review and approve
- Minor amendment to Low Impact Work Package – Southern Utilities Relocations: Review and approve
- Resequencing OOHW Application No. 25 (Low Risk) – Trenched Road Crossing: review and approve
- OOHW Application No. 27 (Low Risk) – Electrical Works: review and approve
- OOHW Application No. 25 (Low Risk) – Trenched Road Crossing (supplementary activity): advice

Inspections

- A site inspection was not held in October due to COVID19 lockdown restrictions. Andrew Grainger (TfNSW Environment Officer) inspected the site on the 5th October 2021 and provided photos for review. Refer to Attachment.
- A Joint ER/TfNSW inspection report was issued to Quickway for October.
- Pursuant to the health regulations at the time of this report preparation, ER site inspections will recommence from November. 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 5th October 2021 with TfNSW, DPIE, EPA and the ER in attendance.
- The next monthly project meeting is scheduled for the 14th December.
- 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 October.

Stop Work Notices

- There were no Stop Work Notices in October.

Incidents

- There were no incidents in October.

CEMP, CEMPP & Minister's Conditions of Approval

Reports

- MCoA A26(k): Environmental Representative Monthly Report (September 2021) – Prepared, reviewed and sent to DPIE (Post Approvals and Compliance): submitted to DPIE (via Portal): 12th October 2021.

Monitoring

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

Community Consultation and Complaints

Complaints

General Construction

- A complaint was received relating to construction vehicles blocking a driveway on Lookout Road. Further investigation indicated the driveway was not blocked, rather the resident did not communicate with traffic control to allow access. The matter was addressed with the resident.
- A complaint was received related to construction vehicles blocking sight lines for residents entering/exiting their property on Lookout Road. Vehicles were parked legally, however, were moved and the area not used again. The matter was addressed with the resident.
- Contact was received from a local bus service provider about poor access to a regular bus stop caused by traffic diversions during out of hours work. This may lead to a safety issue at night with bus users forced to walk a longer distance at night. Quickway confirmed access to the bus stop was restricted. While future traffic diversions will not impact this bus stop, diversions and lane closures will take full consideration of bus stop access in particular at night and during slow lane closures.



Community consultation

- Transport for NSW representatives met with a group of residents to provide a general project update and design changes published in July 2020. Questions were asked about post-construction landscaping, parking/access, potential noise treatments, and aspects of the southern utilities work. All questions were answered and follow-up information provided.
- Quickway and Transport for NSW provided information on southern utilities work to residents on Lookout Road, including work scheduling in line with resident access needs.
- Three month look ahead and out of hours work notifications were distributed in line with project requirements.

Project Positives

- None during October.



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Attachment: Site Images – 5th October 2021 (Provided by TfNSW)

