

Stage 2: Townson and Burdekin Road upgrade

Between Jersey Road and Burdekin Road



Burdekin Road looking west towards Eastern Creek

The NSW Government is continuing to plan for the Townson and Burdekin Road Upgrade project to support the forecast growth in the North West Growth Area.

The Townson and Burdekin Road corridor was established in 2015 following the endorsement of the Road Network Strategy for the North West Growth Area by the NSW Government. Developed jointly with Department of Planning and Environment, the Townson and Burdekin Road upgrade provides an additional crossing over the Blacktown to Richmond Railway Line within the North West Growth Area connecting Schofields with the Marsden Park Industrial Area.

The proposed upgrade includes a four-lane divided road along Townson Road and Burdekin Road, linking Richmond Road, Marsden Park in the west to Burdekin Road, Schofields in the east. The total length of the project is about 3.6 kilometres.

The project consists of two stages:

Stage 1 involves an upgrade of about 1.6 kilometres of Townson Road and Meadow Road, extending from Richmond Road to the end of Durham Road.

Transport for NSW consulted with the community in February 2021 on the Review of Environmental Factors and concept design for the Townson and Burdekin Road upgrade Stage 1 project. The submissions report, which summarises and responds to the community's feedback for this project is available online at nswroads.work/townson-burdekinrd

The project has now progressed to detailed design.

Stage 2 is about two kilometres in length involving the construction of a new four-lane road between the end of Stage 1 and the intersection of Pelican Road at Burdekin Road. Stage 2 also includes a new bridge crossing over the Eastern Creek, as well as a crossing over the Blacktown to Richmond Railway Line.

Overview

The proposal is located within the West Schofields and Schofields precincts which are part of the North West Growth Area. The precinct plan and rezoning of West Schofields is to be finalised by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). Schofields precinct was rezoned in May 2012. The proposal would support the forecast population growth area.

Travel within the North West Growth Area is currently restricted by the Blacktown to Richmond Railway Line. Existing crossings of the rail line are limited, with only two grade-separated crossings located at Schofields Road and Westminster Bridge and two level crossings located at Garfield Road and Bandon Road.

Transport has identified the need for additional east west corridor connections. The project will address key transport issues including the need for additional transport links across the Blacktown to Richmond Railway Line and the need for road links to allow residential and commercial development.

Key benefits of the project

The proposal would provide significant community benefits by:

- providing a link to Richmond Road to the west and Burdekin Road in the east
- improving road capacity and safety to meet future traffic growth
- supporting residential and employment growth
- improving access to flood evacuation routes
- encouraging active transport along the corridor and providing better access to public transport.

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Key features of the project:

- construction of a new four lane road (two lanes in each direction) with a central median connecting Townson Road Stage 1 in the west with Burdekin Road in the east
- new signalised intersection at Aerodrome Drive (formerly known as Veron Road) with pedestrian crossing facilities
- new 2.5 metre wide shared path for pedestrians and cyclists on the southern side of Townson Road up to Aerodrome Drive and then a 1.5 metre footpath to Burdekin Road
- new 1.5 metre wide footpath on the northern side of Townson Road along the entire length of Stage 2
- removing the vehicle connection between Burdekin Road and Railway Terrace and constructing a cul-de-sac at the end of Railway Terrace located near Stoke Street
- construction of a 300-metre long bridge over Eastern Creek
- new bridge over the Blacktown to Richmond Railway Line for motorists and pedestrians, linking Townson Road to Burdekin Road.

Have Your Say

The community is invited to comment on the REF and the concept design for the project. The REF, concept design and supporting material will be on public exhibition between **Monday 12 September and Monday 24 October**.

The REF outlines the key features of the proposal, the objectives and the proposal's environmental impact and how Transport proposes to manage the changes and the impact on the community and surrounding environment.

Documents can be viewed on the website at nswroads.work/townson-burdekinrd

Townson Road and Burdekin Road Upgrade map





Artist's impression: New bridge on Anson Street looking north east towards the Blacktown to Richmond rail line crossing



Artist's impression: Anson Street looking east towards the Blacktown to Richmond rail line crossing

Timing and funding

DPE provided funding via the Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC) program to Transport to carry out detailed design for Stage 1 and concept design for Stage 2 for the Townson Road and Burdekin Road Upgrade project. Future phases of the project such as procurement and delivery is subject to future funding.

Potential impacts

Transport carried out detailed investigations to assess the potential environmental and social impacts of the Stage 2 proposal. The REF process allows the project team to identify ways in which these can be reduced and managed.

Potential impacts listed below are discussed in detail in the REF:

- noise and vibration
- removal of some vegetation
- permanent traffic changes (Aerodrome Road, Railway Terrace, Jersey Road, and Kerry Road)
- changes to access to residential and business properties
- adjustments to properties – the proposal would require property acquisition.

The REF and concept design and supporting material will be on public exhibition between **Monday 12 September** and **Monday 24 October**.

We are hosting two drop-in sessions to provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and seek further information.

There will be no formal presentation so feel free to drop in any time at:

The Lake Neighbourhood Centre

Corner of Spearmint Street and
Camomille Street,

The Ponds NSW 2769

Thursday 22 September between **5pm** and **8pm**

Schofields Public School

Corner of St Albans and Junction Roads,
Schofields NSW 2762

Saturday 17 September between **12pm** and **3pm**

If you are unable to attend, you may submit feedback by:



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Artist's impression: Stoke Street looking south west towards the Blacktown to Richmond rail line crossing

Next steps

The display of the REF will allow residents and local businesses an opportunity to provide comments or feedback on the proposal.

At the end of the REF display period, a submissions report which provides a summary of comments received on the project and our responses will be published on the Transport for NSW website.

We will notify the community once the submissions report is available to view. You can access information on the project through the Transport for NSW website, community updates and the project phone number and email provided below.



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Contact us

If you have questions or would like more information on the project please contact our project team:



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