

Oxley Highway

Community update - September 2017



A road realignment is being planned for the Oxley Highway at Spencers Cutting

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering vital road improvements along the Oxley Highway. This community update provides information on current activities along the 514-kilometre highway between Port Macquarie and the Mitchell Highway at Nevertire.

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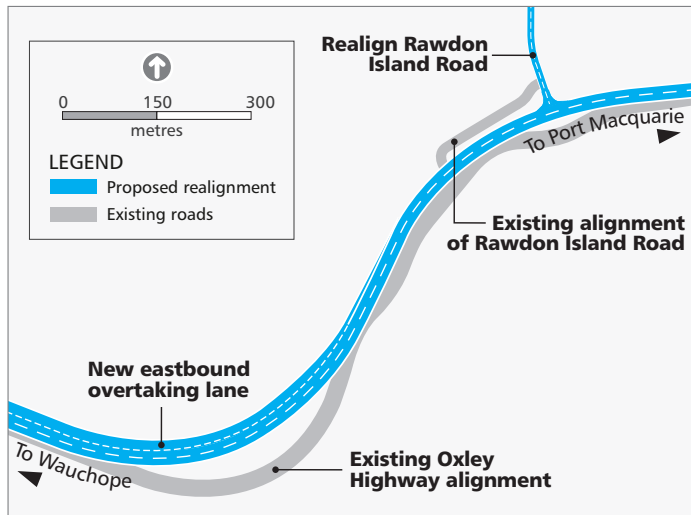
Spencers Cutting improvements

Roads and Maritime is developing plans to improve safety on the Oxley Highway at Spencers Cutting, about six kilometres east of Wauchope. The project will involve:

- building an eastbound overtaking lane between Spencers Cutting and to the west of Rawdon Island Road
- realigning the intersection with Rawdon Island Road
- widening the highway to accommodate 3.5-metre lanes and two-metre shoulders.

A review of environmental factors (REF) has been prepared for the project and will be on display for public comment until Friday 13 October 2017.





Spencers Cutting concept design

The REF display can be viewed online or at the following locations:

- Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, 17 Burrawan Street, Port Macquarie
- Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, 49 High Street, Wauchope
- Port Macquarie Library, Grant Street
- Wauchope Library, 51 High Street, Wauchope
- Service NSW, 21/23 Central Road, Port Macquarie.

Project staff will also be available to discuss the project at Vickers Fudge in Kings Creek Road from 3pm to 7pm on Wednesday 20 September and at the Senior Citizens Centre in Main Street, Wauchope, from 3pm on Thursday 21 September.

Construction is expected to start in the first half of 2018. We will keep the community informed as the project progresses.

For more information or to provide feedback on the REF and concept design, please contact the project team by:

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Boundary Road intersection roundabout

Roads and Maritime is developing plans to build a roundabout at the Boundary Road intersection at the gateway to Gunnedah.

The need for this project was identified in the Oxley Highway Corridor Strategy. The aim of the project is to:

- improve safety at the Boundary Road intersection
- improve amenity for residents living in Boundary Road
- complement the current use of Bloomfield Street as a heavy vehicle bypass of the Gunnedah CBD
- complement council's land use strategy.

Bloomfield Street is an alternative heavy vehicle route and is classified as a Regional Road under the control of Gunnedah Shire Council. It is also a designated B-double route to the Kamilaroi Highway.

Gunnedah Shire Council has started a program of work to improve the road pavement on Bloomfield Street to better accommodate heavy vehicles.

The new roundabout at the Boundary Road intersection will also complement Roads and Maritime's second road over rail bridge, which will form a vital link in council's plans for Bloomfield Street.

The Boundary Road roundabout will be built offline to minimise the impact on traffic. Work is expected to start in 2018. We will keep the community updated as the project progresses. You can read more about this project at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/gunnedahboundaryroad.



Boundary Road concept design





The Boundary Road intersection

Ongoing maintenance work

Roads and Maritime continues to maintain the Oxley Highway by carrying out improvements to slope stability on the mountain between Walcha and Wauchope, as well as improving the road pavement at various locations along the corridor. This work forms part of the ongoing State road maintenance program.

Emergency phones

Emergency phones and pull off areas were installed at five locations along the highway in December 2016. These locations were identified in consultation with the NSW Centre for Road Safety and the Motorcycle Council of NSW.

The sites, which were selected based on mobile phone coverage blackspots, utilise satellite phone technology.

Calls on the emergency phones are free and answered 24 hours a day by the NRMA call centre.

The five phone locations are:

- emergency phone one – rest area east of Ralfes Trail Road
- emergency phone two – rest area east of Knodingbul Road
- emergency phone three – Gingers Creek Road House
- emergency phone four – Coachwood Road
- emergency phone five – Seaview Road adjacent to Enfield State Forest.

Phone users are reminded that these emergency phones use satellite technology and there can be a slight delay for your message to reach the other party and when they respond. Please be patient and wait for the reply before you continue with the call. We recently upgraded the solar panels to improve the reliability of the phones.



An emergency phone installed at Gingers Creek Road House, one of five along the Oxley Highway

Completed projects

A large number of improvements have been completed along the Oxley Highway this year, including:

- extending a westbound overtaking lane near Rushes Creek Road (road to Keepit Dam), west of Somerton
- building an eastbound overtaking lane near Rushes Creek Road (road to Keepit Dam), west of Somerton
- widening the approach lanes on the Oxley Highway at the Port Macquarie interchange
- improving bridge barrier treatments at 10 locations between Wauchope and Walcha
- improving linemarking at Kindee Road, east of Ellenborough
- improving slope stability at Ralfes Creek, Ellenborough
- improving linemarking and warning signs in Walcha Council
- providing new guardrail at various culverts west of Gunnedah
- providing new slip lanes and traffic signals at Wrights Road roundabout, Port Macquarie
- improving drainage near Comboyne Road turn-off, Gannons Creek
- improving bridge barrier treatments at Carroll Creek, Mooki River overflow and Mooki River, west of Carroll

- improving slope stability, including vegetation clearing, 66km west of Wauchope, Mt Seaview Road
- raising a central median on Bridge Street, between Phillip Street to Mahoney Avenue in Tamworth.

Widening the road and improving intersections at:

- Apsley Falls Road, about 18km east of Walcha
- Brackendale Road, just east of Walcha
- Surveyors Creek eastern approach, west of Walcha
- Narrow Cutting, about 8km east of Bendemeer
- Bowlers Lane, about 10km west of Tamworth
- Bective Settlement Road, about 14km west of Tamworth
- Appleby Lane, about 22km west of Tamworth
- Bective Lane, about 23km west of Tamworth
- Standrings, about 7km west of Somerton
- Redbank Road, about 13km east of Gunnedah
- Wilkinson Road, about 5km east of Gunnedah
- intersection upgrade at Comboyne Road, about 11km west of Wauchope
- building a new drainage culvert, 12.5km west of Walcha at Bergen Op Zoom Creek
- intersection upgrade at Howe Street, Carroll
- improving the entry at Meridian rest area
- widening the lane and improving intersections at Mullaley Boggabri Road (Grain Valley Road)
- improving the intersection and lane widening at Mullaley Coolah Road (Black Stump Way)
- intersection upgrade at Main Street, Ellenborough
- intersection upgrade at Wallis Road, Ellenborough.

Upcoming work

Work will start over the next few months on the following projects:

- road resurfacing and widening near Boundary Road, Gunnedah
- road resurfacing at King Creek, east of Wauchope.

Projects in development

A number of projects are being developed along the length of the highway, including:

- Gunnedah second road over rail bridge
- new overtaking lane and improvements to the alignment at Spencers Cutting
- improving the alignment of the Oxley Highway near Rosewood Road, west of Wauchope
- improving intersection at Goddards Lane, west of Tamworth, and building a westbound acceleration lane for heavy vehicles
- improving flood immunity at Hoss Causeway, east of Carroll
- improving flood immunity at Tommy Swamp causeway, 6.5km west of Carroll
- building a roundabout at the Boundary Road intersection, Gunnedah
- bridge barrier improvements at Chimney Swamp Creek Railway Bridge
- improving signposting at intersection of Bridge Street / Stewart Avenue, Tamworth
- replacing roundabout at the Marius and Fitzroy streets intersection in Tamworth with signals.

Landowners and the community will continue to be consulted during the development of these projects. More information will be available on these projects as they progress.

For more information

For more information about the Oxley Highway please contact the project team by:

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Improvements on the Oxley Highway

