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Project update - Upgrade on the Pacific Highway at the Cundletown interchange

The Australian and NSW Governments are funding this \$9.4 million project through the Road Safety program.

Transport for NSW sought comments from the community and stakeholders earlier this year on a proposal to improve safety and access at the Cundletown interchange. The proposal seeks to increase the level of service for larger freight vehicles accessing Princes Street by lengthening and improving the curve of the exit and entry ramps.

The upgrade of the Cundletown interchange supports the development of the Northern Gateway Transport Hub on Princes Street, being developed and delivered by MidCoast Council.

Following a review of comments and further investigations, we have made some changes to the project design.

The right turn into Oxley Bend Road (southern intersection) will be permanently closed for the safety of motorists. This is required to reduce the risk of crashes associated with motorists merging from the extended acceleration lane onto the highway near the intersection.

However following a review of feedback, we revised the design to include a U-turn facility about 600 metres past the intersection which will allow motorists to change their direction of travel, travel south and enter Oxley Bend Road via a new left turn deceleration lane. The U-turn facility will be located on a section of the highway with suitable sight distance.

The project includes:

- Lengthening the existing northbound deceleration and acceleration lanes to allow safe exit and entry onto and off the Pacific Highway
 - Northbound deceleration lane (exit ramp) would be extended by 150 metres
 - Northbound acceleration lane (entry ramp) would be extended by 400 metres
 - Southbound deceleration lane (exit ramp) would be extended by 50 metres
- Improving the curve of the exit and entry ramps and adjusting the shape of the roundabout on the eastern side of the interchange to accommodate larger freight vehicles
- Permanently closing the right turn into Oxley Bend Road (southern intersection). This is required due to the interaction with the extended northbound acceleration lane (entry ramp).
- Building a U-turn facility about 600 metres north of the Oxley Bend Road southern intersection
- Building a deceleration lane for motorists travelling south turning left into Oxley Ben Road (southern entry).

Next steps

We are currently finalising the design and environmental assessment. Work at the Cundletown interchange is scheduled to start in early 2022.

Work on a road upgrade project at Ghinni Ghinni to the north of Oxley Bend Road is due to begin in November. We will be integrating the two projects to maximise efficiency and minimise impacts on residents and road users.

Work on the U-turn facility will begin earlier and is scheduled to start later this year, as it will be utilised during construction of the Ghinni Ghinni project.

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Revised design – Pacific Highway, Cundletown interchange



