REF display locations and community information session

More information is available in the REF documentation which is on display at a number of venues or on Roads and Maritime's website at **www.rms.nsw.gov.au/pinchpoints**

Community Information Session

Concord Function Centre, 138–144 Majors Bay Road, Concord Wednesday 14 December 2016 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm

REF Concord Library, 60 Flavelle Street, Concord

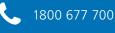
Five Dock Library, Level 1, 4-12 Garfield Street, Five Dock

Next steps



Further information and feedback

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Cars waiting on Parramatta Road to turn right into Shaftesbury Road, Concord







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Car crossing Parramatta Road to enter the congested right turn lane into Shaftesbury Road, Concord

Intersection improvement Parramatta and Shaftesbury Road, Concord

December 2016

The NSW Government is funding this proposal as part of its \$246 million Pinch Point and Clearways Program which aims to reduce delays, manage congestion and improve travel times on Sydney's main roads, particularly during week day peak periods.

Following community consultation carried out earlier this year, Roads and Maritime Services has prepared a Community Consultation Report which responds to concerns raised. The report can be viewed on our website at **www.rms.nsw.gov.au/pinchpoints**

Further, we have prepared a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) to go on public display. We are inviting your comments on the REF by **Monday 19 December**. We will also be holding a public information session where you can view and discuss the REF with our team, date and location details appear on the back of this project update.

Background

Roads and Maritime is proposing to provide an additional eastbound right turn lane from Parramatta Road into Shaftesbury Road to improve traffic efficiency at the intersection. During May and June 2016, Roads and Maritime consulted with the community on the proposed intersection improvement. We received comments from 14 people, raising 83 matters, with the majority of comments relating to the background of the proposal and congestion in the wider Burwood/Concord area. In response to concerns raised during consultation and to indicate proposed changes to the project's scope, Roads and Maritime has decided to display the REF to allow for further comment from the community.

The REF assesses the potential environmental effects associated with the construction and operation of the proposed changes to the intersection and outlines mitigation measures. It also assesses a range of impacts including noise, property, construction, heritage and biodiversity.

For more information on these impacts, please refer to the following page. Alternatively, please see the back of this update for information on where to view the full REF and how to contact to the project team.

Proposed changes to the intersection of Parramatta Road and Shaftesbury Road, Concord

Additional changes to scope

Roads and Maritime are considering several changes to this proposal. They include:

- Removing about 40 metres of southbound parking on the eastern side of Shaftesbury Road to accommodate the merge lane for cars turning right from Parramatta Road
- Installing a stop sign and stop line at the corner of Loftus Street and Parramatta Road
- Removing and additional two trees on Shaftesbury Road, therefore around 27 trees in total will be required to be removed.

Potential environmental impacts

This section summarises several of the potential environmental and social impacts of the proposed Parramatta Road and Shaftesbury Road intersection improvement project. Throughout the project, Roads and Maritime would continue to work on minimising impacts on the community and the environment. In early 2017, after considering any submissions relating to the REF, Roads and Maritime will determine whether the project will go ahead as proposed. Roads and Maritime will continue to inform the community and stakeholders as the project progresses.

To view the complete REF, please see the back of this update for more information on locations where the REF will be displayed and a link to view the REF online.

Noise

There will be noise associated with this work. Due to the impact that construction on state roads has on traffic, there are limits to when we can occupy road space. As a result, work often needs to be carried out at night. Before construction, we will consult with the community on the night time construction schedule. We will make every effort to minimise and manage construction noise impacts. Further details on construction hours and noise mitigation measures are provided in the REF.

Traffic

During construction, lane closures and speed reductions may cause temporary traffic delays. These temporary changes are required to provide sufficient working space and to meet safety requirements for our team, road users and pedestrians. Fortunately, no detours or alternative routes will be required during this work. Bus routes along Parramatta Road may potentially also be impacted.

A traffic management plan would be prepared and implemented to help manage traffic movements throughout construction.

Access

Access to the majority of local residential and business properties would be maintained throughout construction. A small number of properties would require upgrades to driveways and we will consult with these property owners and tenants on any temporary closures or impacts.

Flora and fauna

There are no identified threatened flora species within the proposed site footprint, however several trees alongside Parramatta Road and Shaftesbury Road will need to be removed to accommodate the proposed intersection upgrade. Removal of this vegetation is not considered to have a substantial impact on any flora species.

Impacts to fauna are considered minor. The removal of trees may reduce the natural habitat for some fauna residing in the local area, however here will be a large amount of vegetation retained along Parramatta Road and in the local area that will continue to provide natural habitat options.

Roads and Maritime would plant new vegetation to partially offset the loss of removed vegetation and fauna habitat.

Visual amenity

We understand that the local community values the visual amenity of their area. Due to the nature of construction activities, there will be temporary changes to the visual amenity around the site area during the period of construction.

As a result of the proposed design, a section of Parramatta Road and a section of Shaftesbury Road will be brought closer to some residential properties located nearest the works.

To offset impacts to visual amenity, a Landscape Plan would be prepared in accordance with the Roads and Maritime *Beyond the Pavement urban design policy, process and principles* (Roads and Maritime, 2014) and *Landscape Guideline* (RTA, 2008) and approved by the relevant councils.

Air quality

There is potential for the proposed works to temporarily decrease local air quality during construction. This decrease in quality is to be expected as with any construction site, but would not impact the environment and community to a greater extent than other construction sites currently operating in Sydney.

Roads and Maritime will try to reduce impacts to air quality associated with specific types of construction work by regulating timeframes and considering feasible alternative options.

Intersection and proposed works

