

Frequently Asked Questions

Picton bypass - recommended corridor

Transport for NSW is seeking feedback on the recommended corridor for a bypass of Picton until Monday 22 February 2021.

What is the project about?

The NSW Government has provided \$3M for Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to investigate potential options for a future bypass of Picton. A proposed bypass would provide an alternate route for including heavy vehicles by linking Thirlmere and Tahmoor with the Hume Motorway via Picton Road.

What are the project objectives?

The primary objectives of the project are to:

- improve amenity by reducing the number of vehicles travelling through the Picton town centre.
- reduce travel times and improve reliability of all traffic including freight.
- improve safety of all customers.
- provide resilience in the road network for emergency events such as bushfire and flood.

What is the recommended corridor?

Recommended corridor would provide a new connection between Remembrance Driveway and Picton Road with new intersections south of Wonga Road and north-west of Maldon Bridge Road.

What are the benefits of the recommended corridor?

The recommended corridor:

- best meets the project objectives
- provides flexibility and capacity to accommodate planned growth
- delivers a good balance between addressing town centre congestion and saving time for road users in the area
- provides flexibility for future construction, with less impact on the town centre.

What work has been done to date?

We carried out preliminary investigations to identify key constraints and to inform the development of strategic corridor options.

These investigations included:

- collection of traffic data
- initial community consultation
- preliminary environmental investigations
- workshops
- stakeholder consultation



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How was the recommended corridor identified?

After initial community consultation in 2018, we carried out preliminary investigations to identify key constraints and to develop strategic corridor options for the proposed bypass. We identified eighteen strategic corridor options to ease congestion and improve safety and amenity.

These options were short listed down to four options based on design criteria and preliminary environmental investigations.

A bypass corridor is now recommended after further consideration of environmental impacts, predicted transport benefits, community impacts, constructability, value for money and improving emergency access.

For more information about the options assessment, and to read the Strategic Corridor Options Report, please visit the project webpage at nswroads.work/pictonbypass.

What is the Strategic Corridor Options Report?

The report outlines steps taken to identify shortlisted corridors for a bypass of Picton town centre.

You can read the report on the project webpage at nswroads.work/pictonbypass or by visiting **Wollondilly Library at 42 Menangle Street, Picton** or **Wollondilly Shire Council at 62 Menangle Street, Picton** until **Monday 22 February 2021**.

Will the project take heavy vehicles out of the town centre?

The recommended corridor is connecting Remembrance Driveway south of Wonga Road and Picton Road north west of Maldon Bridge Road. This will facilitate traffic movement between Tahmoor and Thirlmere and Sydney via the Hume Motorway. It is expected to reduce the number of heavy vehicles in the Picton town centre.

Will there be changes to Victoria Bridge on Prince Street?

Victoria Bridge on Prince Street is a heritage listed bridge providing an alternative route for vehicles travelling between Remembrance Driveway and Picton Road.

There are currently no plans to change the use of Victoria Bridge or to remove this bridge as part of this project. Ongoing routine maintenance on the bridge will continue to be carried out as needed.

Will there be property acquisition?

We are speaking directly to property owners within the recommended corridor as planning for Picton bypass continues.

A Transport Personal Manager Acquisitions will speak directly with any potentially affected property owners and continue to be in contact as the project progresses.

More information about the property acquisition process is available at www.propertyacquisition.nsw.gov.au



How can I have my say on the project?

We are seeking feedback on the recommended corridor.

To provide feedback: Visit the project webpage at nswroads.work/pictonbypass.

Alternatively, you can email us at pictonbypass@transport.nsw.gov.au

Or send your feedback by post to Picton Bypass **PO Box 973, Parramatta NSW 2150**.

Feedback is welcome until **Monday 22 February 2021**.

This feedback will be considered by our project team as we progress with planning for a future bypass of Picton.

Will there be a community information session?

To ensure the health and safety of the community and our staff we will replace face to face community information sessions with an online information session on the NSW Roads Facebook page at facebook.com/NSWRoads on **Monday 1 February 2021** from **4pm to 4:30pm**.

The online community information session is an opportunity to ask the project team questions and seek further information.

The session will be recorded and available online to view until consultation closes.

What if I can't join the live session?

If you are not able to join the live session or would like to submit your questions in advance, please email the team at pictonbypass@transport.nsw.gov.au or call us on **1800 270 726**.

We welcome all your feedback by **Monday 22 February 2021**.

When will the bypass be built?

We are in the early stages of planning and there is currently no commitment or funding for the construction of the bypass at this stage.

The purpose of this phase of the project is to seek feedback to help determine a preferred corridor.

What are the next steps?




When the consultation period closes, our team will consider all feedback provided and a Consultation Report will be prepared and published on the project webpage.

The feedback provided will help us select a preferred corridor for a bypass of Picton.

We encourage you to subscribe to project updates on our webpage at rms.nsw.gov.au/pictonbypass.

We will keep the community updated as we progress.

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