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Prospect Highway upgrade

Roads and Maritime Services has started planning for the future upgrade of the Prospect Highway (Blacktown Road) between Reconciliation Road at Prospect and St Martins Crescent at Blacktown to meet future traffic demand. Changed access arrangements are proposed as part of the upgrade.

Have your say on the proposed access strategy by calling us on **1300 660 275** by **Friday 10 May 2013**.

Background

Prospect Highway (Blacktown Road) between Reconciliation Road at Prospect and St Martins Crescent at Blacktown forms the main road corridor connecting the city of Blacktown with the M4 Motorway.

This corridor is operating close to capacity in peak times with significant delays for motorists. Journey times are expected to increase with the opening of Reconciliation Road through to Wetherill Park, and the new water park development on Reservoir Road.

A proposal has been developed to improve safety, access and journey times for pedestrians, cyclists, buses and motorists.

The proposal is to improve the existing route of the Prospect Highway and does not include the Prospect Highway extension through Seven Hills. This project may be investigated in the future.

Key features

- Upgrade to two lanes in each direction.
- Duplicate the bridges over the M4 Motorway and the Great Western Highway.
- Provide a new ramp between the Great Western Highway and Prospect Highway to improve access in all directions.
- Provide new traffic lights at:
 - Stoddart Road,
 - Prospect Highway at the new ramp to Great Western Highway,
 - Great Western Highway at the entrance to the new ramp to Prospect Highway,
 - M4 Motorway eastbound on and off ramps,
 - Reservoir Road.
- Changed access arrangements at:
 - Tudor Avenue,
 - Roger Place,
 - Vesuvius Street,
 - Ponds Road.
- Construct shared path/cycleway on the western side of Prospect Highway to connect existing paths.

Proposed access strategy

As part of the upgrade of Prospect Highway to a four lane divided road, the following access arrangements are proposed:

- Tudor Avenue changed to left in/left out access.
- Roger Place changed to left in/left out/right in access.
- Vesuvius Street changed to left in/left out access
- Ponds Road changed to left in/left out access. Access to Prospect Highway northbound would be from the Great Western Highway (see the proposed access strategy diagram).

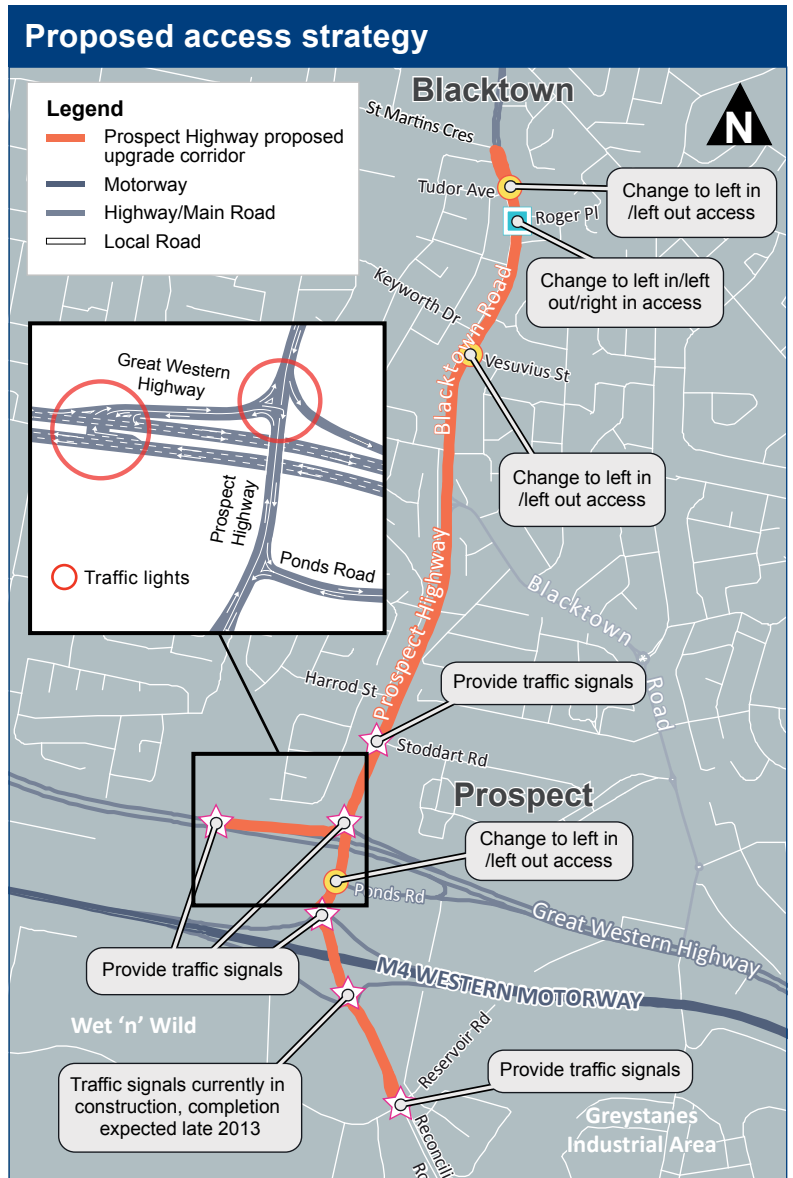
The changes are designed to improve journey times, safety and access for all road users. However, we are aware that the community will be interested and concerned with what the changes could mean for them. If you are potentially affected by the proposed changes, we invite you to contact the project team directly to discuss the proposal. Phone 1300 660 275 or email ProspectHighway@rms.nsw.gov.au by Friday 10 May 2013.

What happens next?

Community comments on the access strategy will be considered in finalising the preliminary concept design. The preliminary concept design will then be displayed for community comment later in 2013.

The review of environmental factors which documents the likely impacts on the environment and proposed protective measures will be displayed for community comment early in 2014.

If approved, the project will continue to detailed design and construction when funding becomes available. The timing of these activities is unknown at this stage.



For more information:

There will be more opportunity to comment on the proposal as it progresses. If you would like more information or just want to be kept updated, contact the project team on:

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