

# The Horsley Drive Upgrade

June 2017

The NSW Government is planning a future upgrade of The Horsley Drive between the M7 Motorway and Cowpasture Road at Horsley Park. Roads and Maritime Services is inviting your feedback on the concept design and Environmental Investigation Report, until **Friday, 4 August 2017**.

## Background

The Horsley Drive between the M7 Motorway and Cowpasture Road, Horsley Park is an arterial road connection into the Smithfield/Wetherill Park industrial area that provides a strategic freight link to and from the M7 Motorway.

Planning for a future upgrade of The Horsley Drive was announced in March 2015. Roads and Maritime carried out an options assessment to identify the preferred corridor for the road upgrade. The option development process involved technical and specialist input including traffic modelling, strategic design and consultation with key stakeholders including Fairfield City Council, WaterNSW and the Western Sydney Parklands Trust.

Roads and Maritime invited community feedback on the proposed preferred corridor in August and September 2015. After reviewing the submissions and considering feedback, we have now developed the concept design and Environmental Investigation Report.

## Environmental Investigation Report

Roads and Maritime has prepared an Environmental Investigation Report to examine the potential impact of the proposed The Horsley Drive Upgrade and outlined measures to reduce and manage potential impacts. The Environmental Investigation Report addresses potential environmental impacts including noise, heritage, biodiversity and property as well as impacts during construction.

## Benefits

The benefits of the proposed upgrade include:

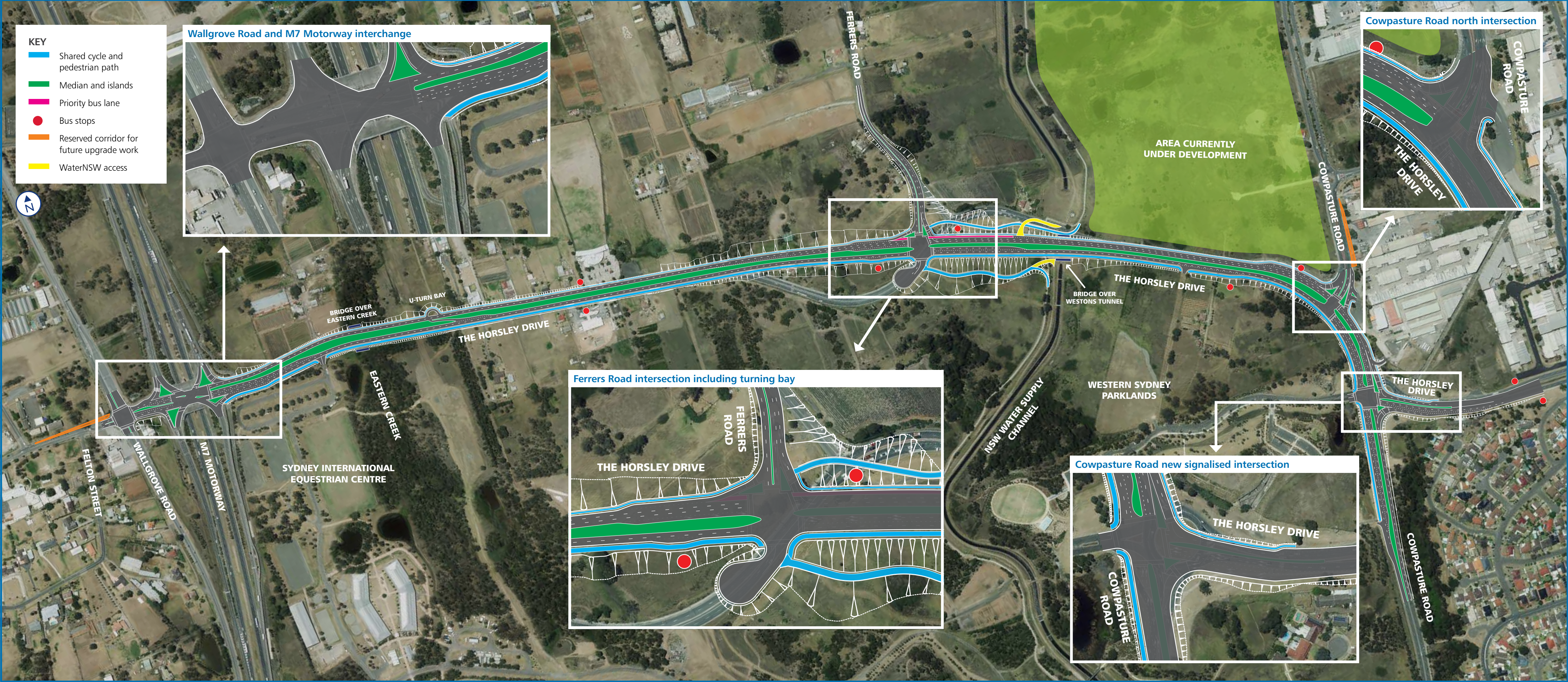
- increased road capacity
- an improved east-west connection between the Western Sydney Employment Area, the M7 Motorway and the Wetherill Park/Smithfield industrial area
- safer conditions for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians
- improved access to the Western Sydney Parklands
- improved freight access and efficiency
- more reliable travel times
- reservation of road space for future widening if required.



The single eastbound lane from the M7 Motorway to Ferrers Road causes traffic to queue



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## Key Features

The key features of the proposed upgrade include:

- a four lane divided road between the M7 Motorway and Cowpasture Road with a wide central median to allow for six lanes in the future
- an extra eastbound lane west of Ferrers Road to Cowpasture Road
- a pedestrian and cyclist shared path along The Horsley Drive, connecting to the Western Sydney Parklands cycleway
- upgrade of the Ferrers Road intersection and Cowpasture Road north intersection
- upgrading the roundabout at The Horsley Drive and Cowpasture Road (southern section) to an intersection with traffic lights to improve traffic flow.

## Changes to the design

Some design refinements have been made since the last consultation to address comments received from the community and investigations carried out by Roads and Maritime. Changes include:

- relocation of the shared pedestrian and cycle path to the southern side of The Horsley Drive to reduce property impacts
- a turning bay about 100 metres east of Eastern Creek to allow westbound cars to perform a u-turn.

## Have your say

We are inviting your feedback and suggestions on the proposed concept design and Environmental Investigation Report until **Friday, 4 August 2017**.

The Environmental Investigation Report can be viewed at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/thehorsleydrive](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/thehorsleydrive).

It is also available to view in hard copy at the following location:

### Wetherill Park Library

Stockland Wetherill Park  
561-583 Polding Street, Wetherill Park

Monday and Wednesday between 9.30am and 6pm

Tuesday and Thursday between 9.30am and 9pm

Friday between 9.30am and 5pm

Saturday between 9.30am and 12pm

## Community information sessions

Roads and Maritime will host two community information sessions where the project team will be available to answer any questions and receive feedback. A formal presentation will not be given, so please feel free to drop in any time during these sessions:

### Wednesday, 19 July between 4pm and 7pm

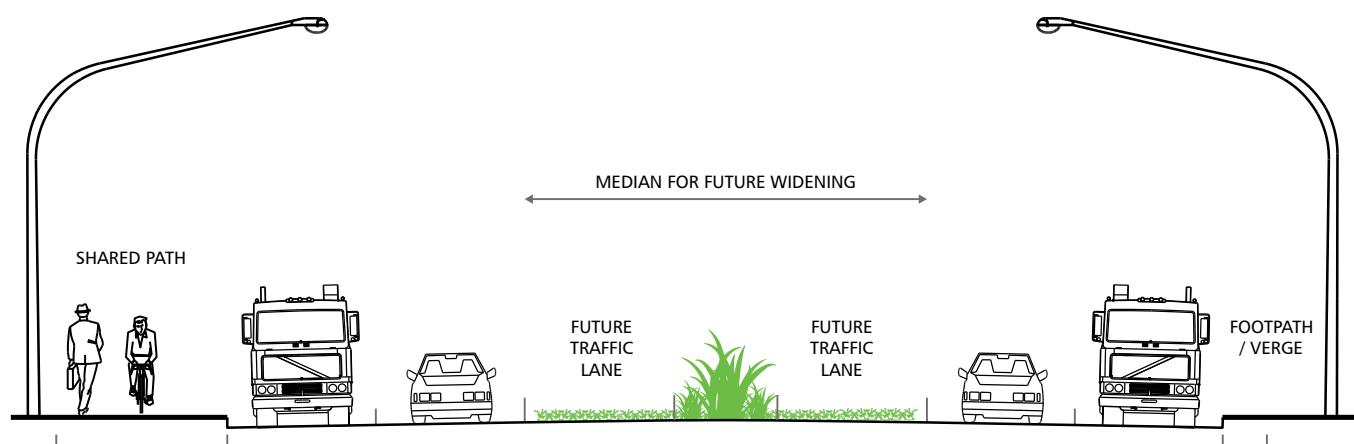
Horsley Park Community Hall  
Arundel Road, Horsley Park

### Saturday, 22 July between 10am and 1pm

Abbotsbury Community Centre  
64 Stockdale Crescent, Abbotsbury

### TYPICAL CROSS SECTION

*Diagram is indicative*



## How to make a submission

As part of the Environmental Investigation Report, you are encouraged to make a submission. Please send your comments to:

Email: [horsleydriveupgrade@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:horsleydriveupgrade@rms.nsw.gov.au)

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Roads and Maritime Services  
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## What happens next?

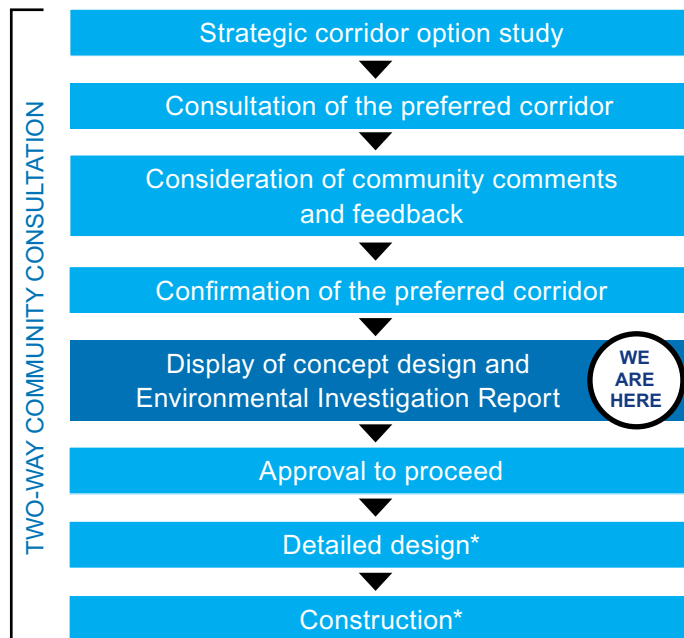
Roads and Maritime will consider all feedback received during the display of the Environmental Investigation Report and will respond in a submissions report.

The proposed upgrade requires some land within the Western Sydney Parklands (identified as a regional park under the NPW Act) to be acquired by Roads and Maritime. In order for this land to be acquired, it would first need to be removed from the gazetted regional park area. Discussions regarding this process are currently under way.

After considering community feedback, and if approval is obtained to acquire the land within the regional park area, Roads and Maritime will determine if the proposal should proceed or if any changes are required.

Subject to project approval and funding being allocated, Roads and Maritime would then proceed to final design and issue tenders for construction.

The community will be kept informed throughout this process.



\*Subject to project approval and funding availability

## Contact us

For more information, please contact the project team on:



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