

The Horsley Drive Upgrade

August 2015

Roads and Maritime Services is seeking feedback by **Friday 18 September 2015** on the preferred corridor to upgrade The Horsley Drive to help reduce traffic congestion and meet the future transport needs of the area.

The project includes:

- Widening The Horsley Drive between the M7 Motorway and Cowpasture Road to a four lane divided road with a wide median to allow for six lanes when required
- Reserving two corridors of land, one to the north of The Horsley Drive between Wallgrove Road and Walworth Road, and one east of Cowpasture Road to allow for future upgrade work.

The NSW Government is funding the planning work for this proposal.

Background

The Horsley Drive is a strategic freight link to and from the M7 Motorway and is the main access into the Smithfield/Wetherill Park industrial area. It is also a key link to the Western Sydney Employment Area which is expected to provide more than 57,000 jobs during the next 30 years.

Planning for an upgrade of The Horsley Drive was announced in March 2015 and the project team has carried out investigation work and technical studies to inform the options assessment. As a result of these investigations, we identified:

- The single eastbound lane from the M7 Motorway to Ferrers Road causes traffic to queue
- The Horsley Drive is likely to require six lanes by 2036 to meet increasing traffic demands

- The Ferrers Road intersection, Cowpasture Road (north) intersection, M7 interchange, Wallgrove Road intersection and Cowpasture Road roundabout need to be upgraded to improve traffic flows and help reduce congestion
- There is a poor crash history in the study area
- Better cyclist and pedestrian connectivity is needed
- Road corridors west of Wallgrove Road, and east of Cowpasture Road need to be reserved to allow for future road upgrade work, when required.







Roads and Maritime has carried out an options assessment to identify the preferred corridor for the road upgrade. Several options were developed and assessed with stakeholders, and a preferred option has been identified. The preferred option report details the strategic analysis and is available to view or download from the Roads and Maritime website at rms.nsw.gov.au/projects, search for The Horsley Drive Upgrade.



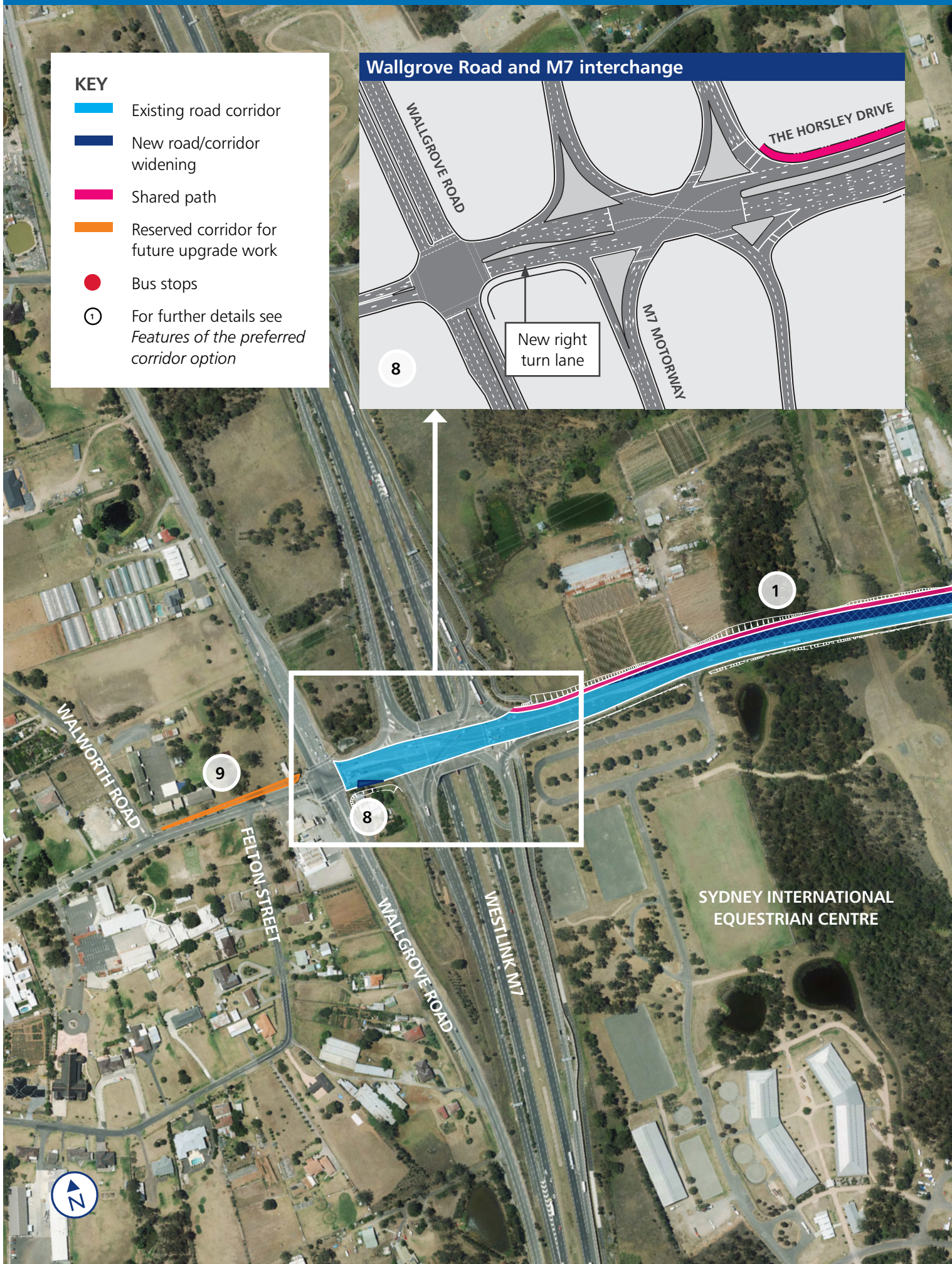
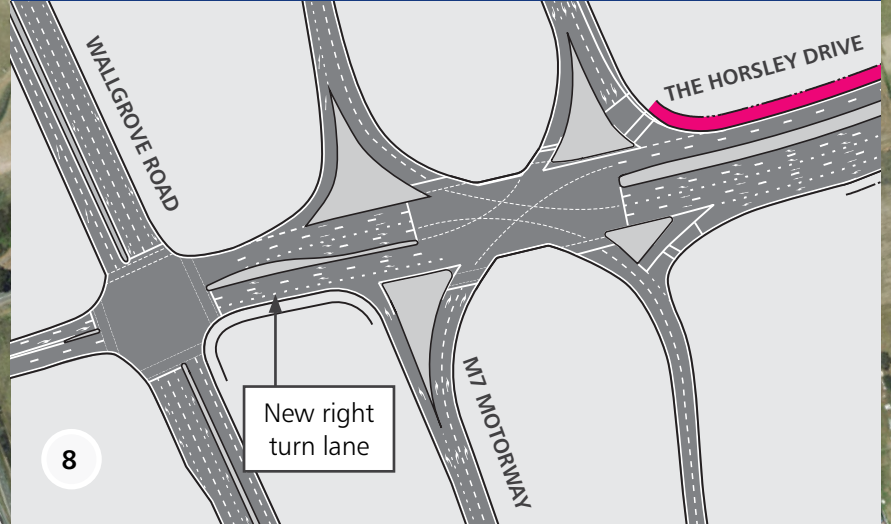
The single eastbound lane from the M7 Motorway to Ferrers Road causes traffic to queue

Preferred corridor option – The Horsley Drive Upgrade

KEY

-  Existing road corridor
-  New road/corridor widening
-  Shared path
-  Reserved corridor for future upgrade work
-  Bus stops
-  For further details see *Features of the preferred corridor option*

Wallgrove Road and M7 interchange





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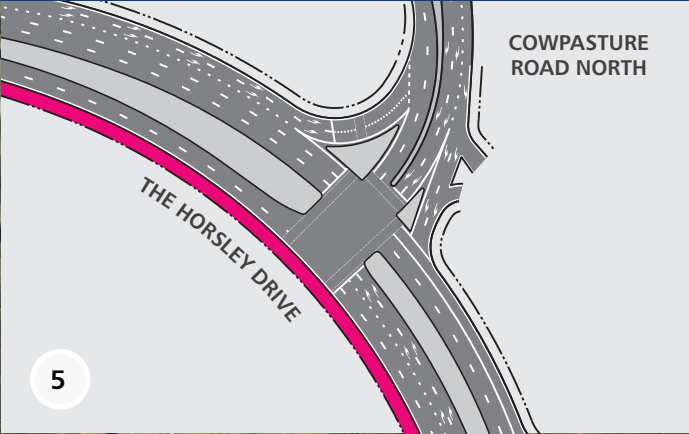
Ferrers Road intersection

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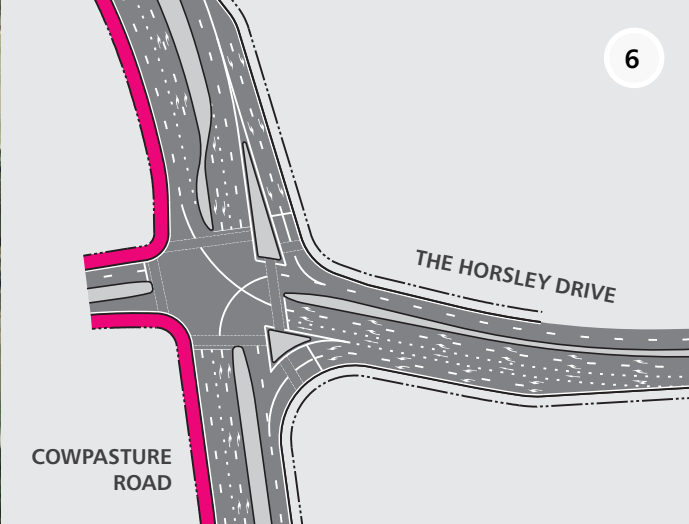
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Cowpasture Road north intersection



Cowpasture Road new signalled intersection



Features of the preferred corridor option

We have provided a map to help better explain our proposal. The preferred option includes:

1. Widening to the north of the existing road between the M7 and 500 metres west of the Ferrers Road intersection
2. Realigning The Horsley Drive from 500 metres west of the Ferrers Road intersection to the eastern side of the Water NSW supply channel to reduce the number of bends in the road and the steepness of the road
3. Moving the Ferrers Road intersection slightly south west and upgrading the intersection to provide additional turning lanes to help reduce congestion. A turnaround facility is included in the new intersection
4. Widening to the south of the existing road from east of the water supply channel to the Cowpasture Road north intersection
5. Upgrading the Cowpasture Road north intersection to provide additional turning lanes and help reduce congestion
6. Upgrading the Cowpasture Road south roundabout to an intersection with traffic lights to improve traffic flow
7. Providing an off road shared path for pedestrians and cyclists that connects to the Western Sydney Parkland cycleway
8. Providing an additional right turn lane from The Horsley Drive westbound onto Wallgrove Road
9. Reserving a corridor of land west of Wallgrove Road to allow for future road upgrades
10. Reserving a corridor of land next to Cowpasture Road to allow for future road upgrades

The road upgrade will include a central median to improve road safety and restrict access to left in, left out along the corridor.

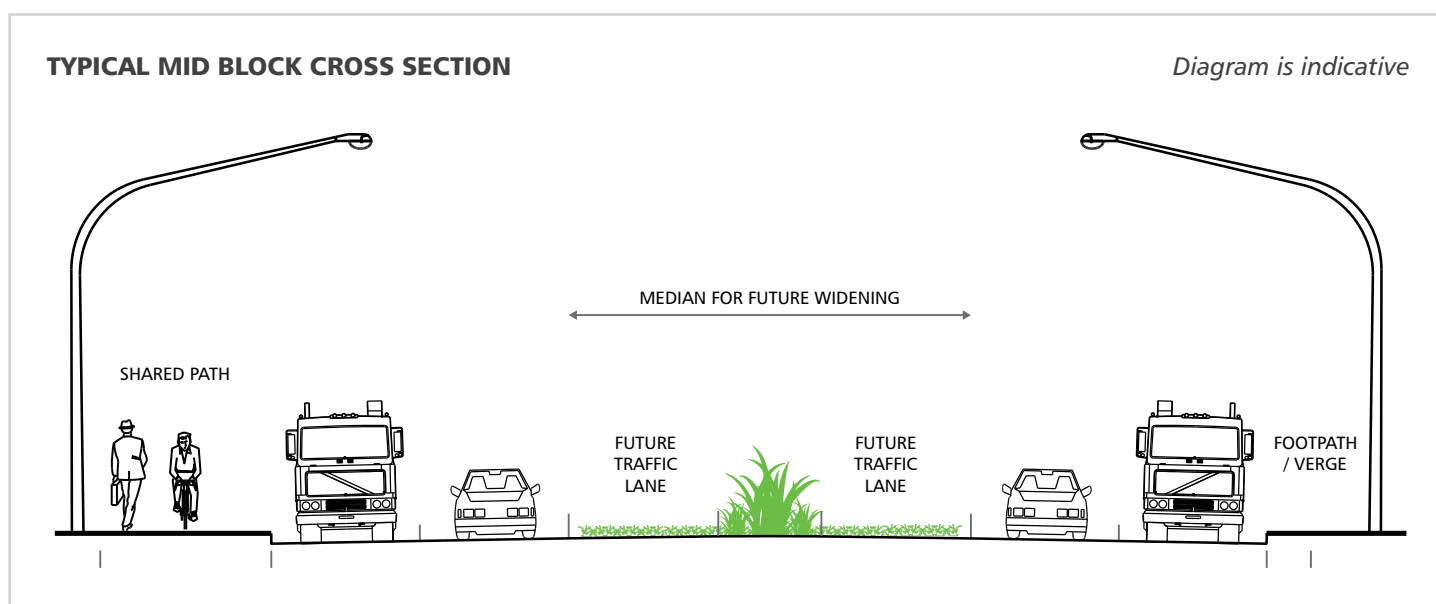
Benefits of the preferred option

The preferred option would:

- Improve road capacity
- Provide an improved east-west connection between the Western Sydney Employment Area (WSEA), the M7 and the Wetherill Park/Smithfield Industrial area
- Provide safer conditions for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians
- Improve cyclist and pedestrian access
- Meet the future needs of and improve access to the Western Sydney Parklands
- Reduce traffic impacts during construction
- Reduce travel time
- Provide a consistent speed limit
- Minimise vegetation clearing
- Provide improved landscaping
- Improve freight efficiency and access
- Improve public transport.

Selection of a preferred option

The option development process involved traffic modelling, technical and specialist input, strategic design, consultation with key stakeholders including Fairfield City Council, Water NSW and the Western Sydney Parklands Trust, as well as a number of internal workshops. Several corridor options next to and nearby to the existing road were developed. The potential options were evaluated in a value management study workshop attended by the key stakeholders and a preferred corridor option has been recommended. The preferred corridor option report provides more detail on the option development and selection process.



Have your say

We are seeking feedback on the proposal by **Friday 18 September 2015**. Please send your comments to:

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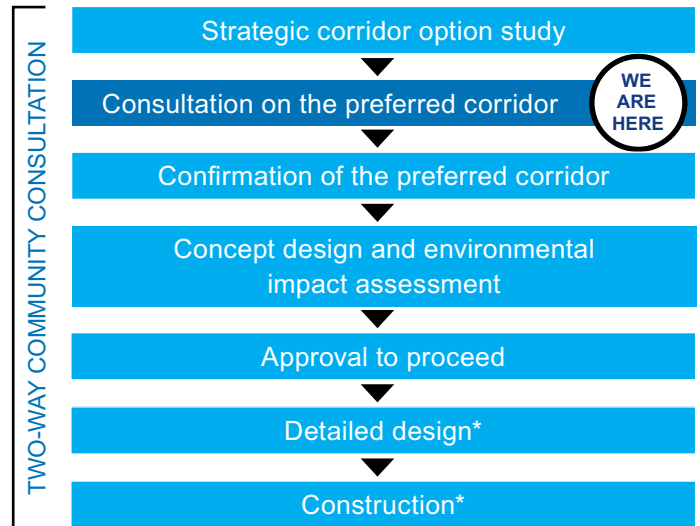
What happens next?

All comments received will be considered in decision making and development of the concept design. Following the consultation, a report summarising the matters and our responses will be made available.

Community information sessions

We encourage you to drop in and ask questions about the preferred option at our community information sessions. A formal presentation will not be given, so please feel free to drop in at any time.


- Prairiewood Youth and Community Centre
194-222 Restwell Road, Prairiewood
Wednesday 2 September, 5pm to 7pm
- Horsley Park Hall
The Horsley Drive, Horsley Park
Saturday 5 September, 10am to 12pm



*Subject to project approval and funding availability

Contact us

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