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The Northern Road upgrade

Between The Old Northern Road, Narellan and Mersey Road, Bringelly

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is planning for the future upgrade of The Northern Road in conjunction with the development of the South West Growth Centre.

The **revised concept design** for the widening of The Northern Road from a two lane road to a four lane divided road and a **review of environmental factors** are on display for community comment until **Friday 30 November 2012**.



Background

The proposed upgrade of The Northern Road is approximately 15 kilometres long and would form one of the main arterial transport corridors within the South West Growth Centre. As residential and commercial development occurs, the amount of traffic using The Northern Road is expected to increase.

The Camden Valley Way upgrade between Oran Park Drive and Narellan Road was completed in June this year. In the same month, the NSW Government committed to complete the remaining upgrade of Camden Valley Way between Oran Park Drive and Bringelly Road in three stages by the end of 2015.

The NSW Government is also planning to progressively upgrade Bringelly Road from a two lane road to a four and six lane divided road between Camden Valley Way, Leppington and The Northern Road, Bringelly. A review of environmental factors and a revised concept design for the widening of Bringelly Road were displayed for community comment in late 2011.

The Northern Road is expected to be upgraded in stages in conjunction with the development of precincts, to provide road transport capacity for the growing population of Sydney's south west. A revised concept design and REF for the upgrade is now available to view.

Information on these road projects is available on the RMS website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects

Review of environmental factors – have your say

A review of environmental factors for the proposed upgrade of The Northern Road between The Old Northern Road, Narellan and Mersey Road, Bringelly is on display until **Friday 30 November 2012**.

For display locations and details of community information sessions, see the back page of this community update.

Community involvement

RMS recognises the importance of involving the community in developing The Northern Road upgrade. The access strategy and preliminary concept design for The Northern Road upgrade were displayed to the community in August 2010 and December 2011.

Community comments have been carefully considered by RMS in revising the concept design and preparing the review of environmental factors.

As a result of this consultation further changes have been made to the concept design, and are noted on the maps inside this community update.

Two reports on the issues raised by the community are available to read or download on the RMS website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects.

Features of the project

- An upgrade from a generally two lane to a four lane divided road with a wide central median.
- The wide central median will allow for future widening to six lanes, if required in the future.
- A posted speed limit of 80km/h.
- Thirteen signalised intersections, five of them are new intersections.
- Duplication of bridges over Narellan Creek and Thompsons Creek.
- A three metre wide off-road shared pedestrian/cyclist path.
- Designated turning lanes, and bicycle and pedestrian crossing provisions at traffic lights.
- Bus priority capability at traffic lights and indented bus bays.
- Temporary U-turn facilities at selected future precinct link roads.
- Existing properties along The Northern Road would have left in/left out access, until precinct development takes place.

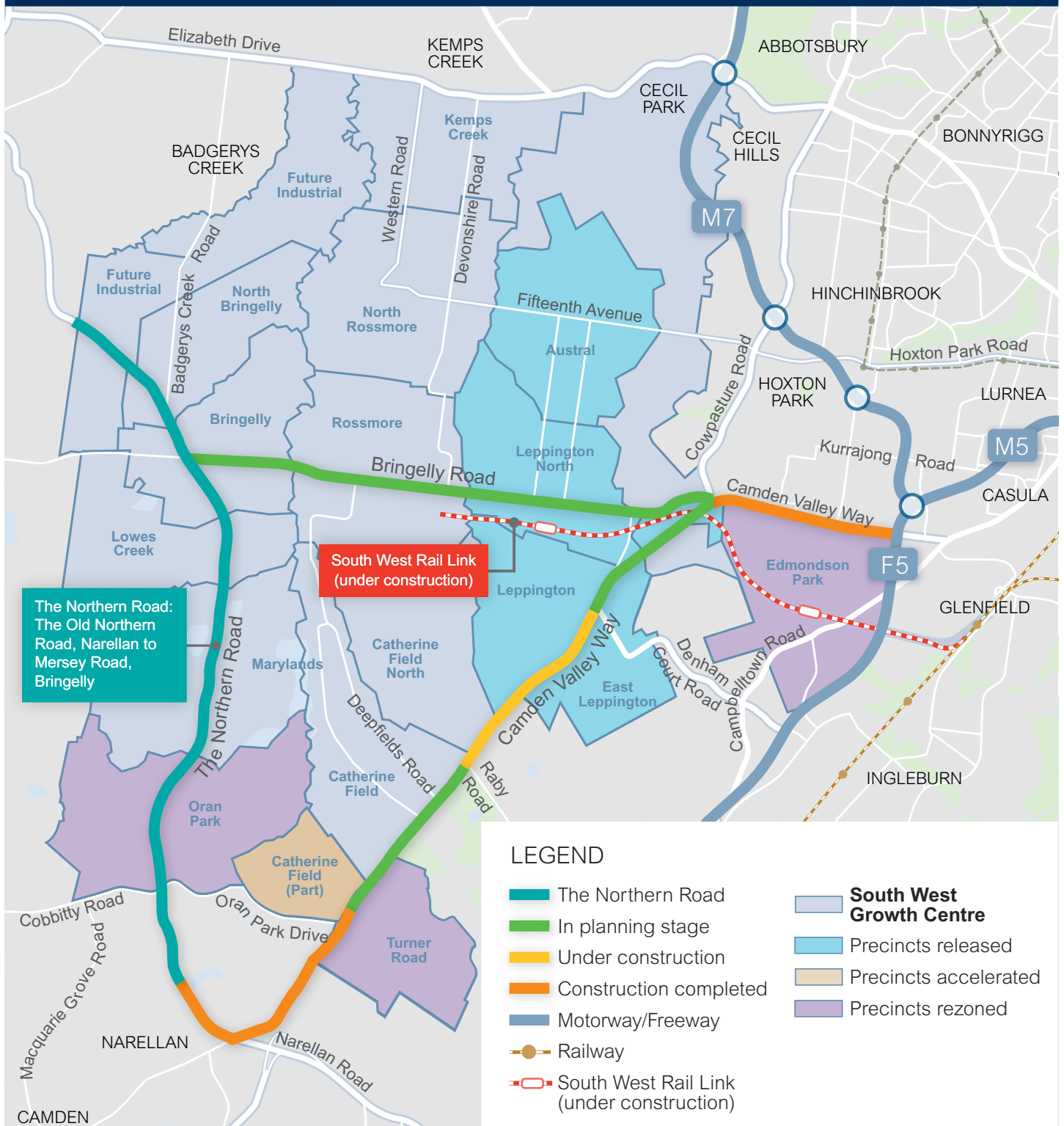
Fairwater Drive intersection looking north



Benefits

- Increased capacity for future growth.
- Improved safety for motorists by:
 - Constructing new intersections with traffic lights to access precincts.
 - Constructing a central median to separate opposing traffic flows.
 - Constructing turning lanes at intersections.
- Improved safety for cyclists and pedestrians by providing an off-road shared path.
- Improved travel times when future development occurs.
- Provides access to future South West Growth Centre precincts along The Northern Road.
- Improved access and travel times for road freight in Sydney's south west.
- Bus priority capability at traffic lights.
- Landscaping consistent with other main road upgrades such as Camden Valley Way.

Location map



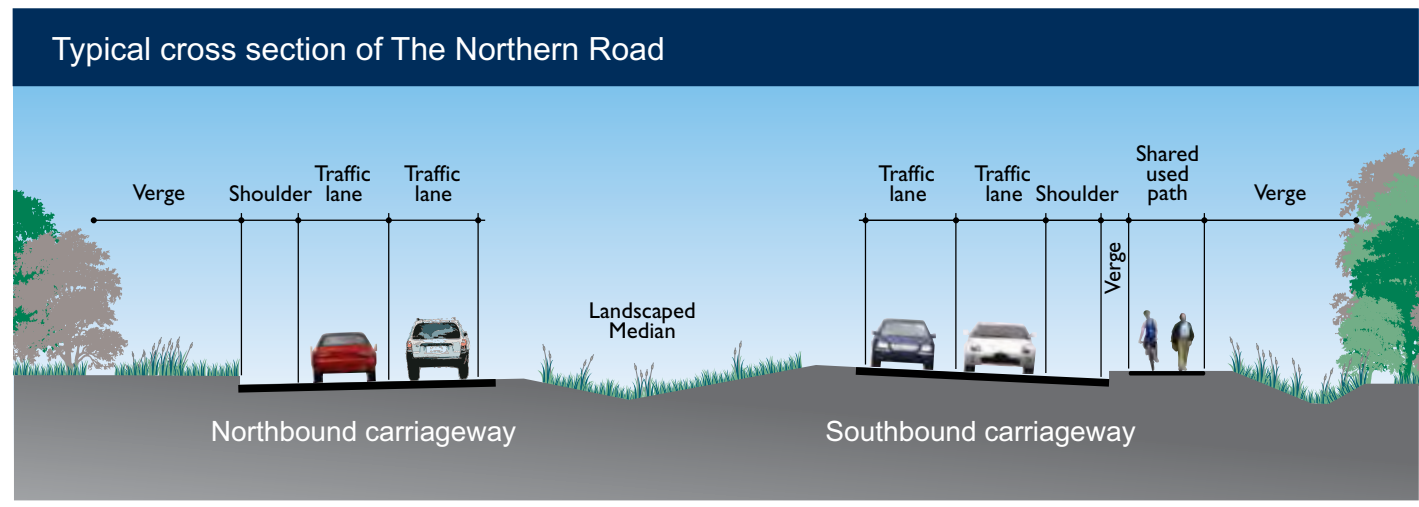
The Northern Road upgrade - The Old Northern Road to Mersey Road - concept design



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- New road pavement
- Concrete median
- Landscaped median
- Bus facilities
- Shared pedestrian/cyclist path
- Proposed to be built by developer

Notes in blue boxes indicate changes to the design since November 2011



Changes to the design

The following major changes have been incorporated into the concept design in response to community feedback and further planning and investigations.

- Shared-path in front of the Harrington Park estate has been moved to fit in between the existing rows of trees.
- U-turn and 'kiss and ride' facility on Greendale Road has been moved to the southern side of the road.

- The southbound slip lane from The Northern Road to Bringelly Road was removed.
 - The project has been extended by approximately 100 metres to the north.
- The diagram inside this community update shows the revised concept design highlighting the changes made since it was displayed in November 2011.

This fold out map shows the revised concept design and proposed access arrangements along The Northern Road between The Old Northern Road, Narellan and Mersey Road, Bringelly.

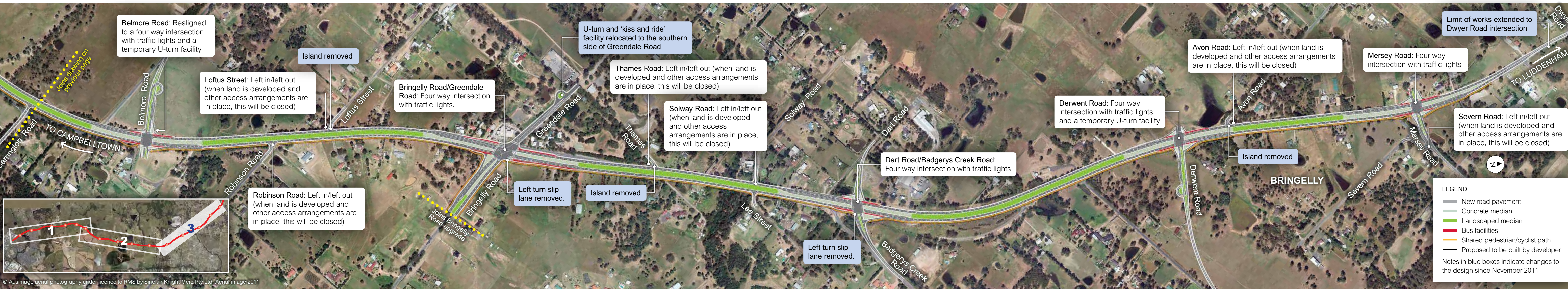
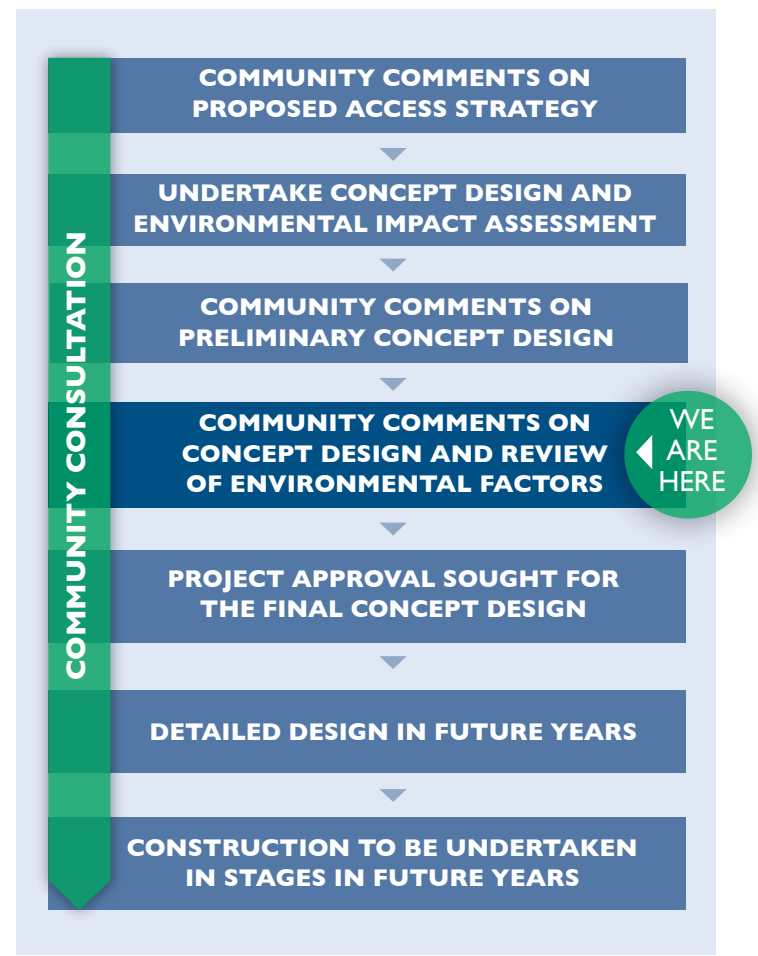
The Northern Road concept design currently proposes 13 signalised intersections along the route, five of them are new intersections. These intersections will provide access to future residential and commercial areas of the South West Growth Centre development precincts. The intersection of The Northern Road and Peter Brock Drive is currently being constructed by the developer for Oran Park Town and is not part of this project. A typical cross section of the road corridor is also shown.



What happens next?

All comments received will be considered by RMS in finalising the project design and the review of environmental factors.

Once the design is finalised, RMS will inform the community of the outcome of the review of environmental factors, including any further changes made to the design.



Display locations

The review of environmental factors is on display on the RMS website and at the following locations until **Friday 30 November 2012**.

Narellan Library

Civic Place, Cnr Queen and Elyard streets, Narellan
Monday to Wednesday 9.30am to 8pm
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30am to 5pm
Saturday from 9am to 3pm

Narellan Motor Registry

Shop G1, Narellan Town Centre
326 Camden Valley Way, Narellan
Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm
Saturday from 8.30am to 12pm

Shopping centre display

RMS will hold a shopping centre display on **Thursday 15 November 2012** at:

Narellan Town Centre

326 Camden Valley Way, Narellan
Between 2pm and 7pm

Community information session

Your views are invited! RMS will host a community information session on **Saturday 17 November 2012** at:

Bringelly Community Centre

Greendale Road, Bringelly
Between 10am and 2pm.

The RMS project team will be available to answer questions and receive your feedback. A formal presentation will not be given, so please feel free to drop in at any time.

Light refreshments will be available on the day.

To receive a copy of the review of environmental factors:

The document can be downloaded at no cost from the RMS website at **www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects**.

You can request a CD copy by contacting the project team on **1800 257 484**.

To view a copy you can also visit the locations noted above.

Have your say

Please send written comments by **Friday 30 November 2012** to:

**The Northern Road Project Team
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Or email comments to:

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