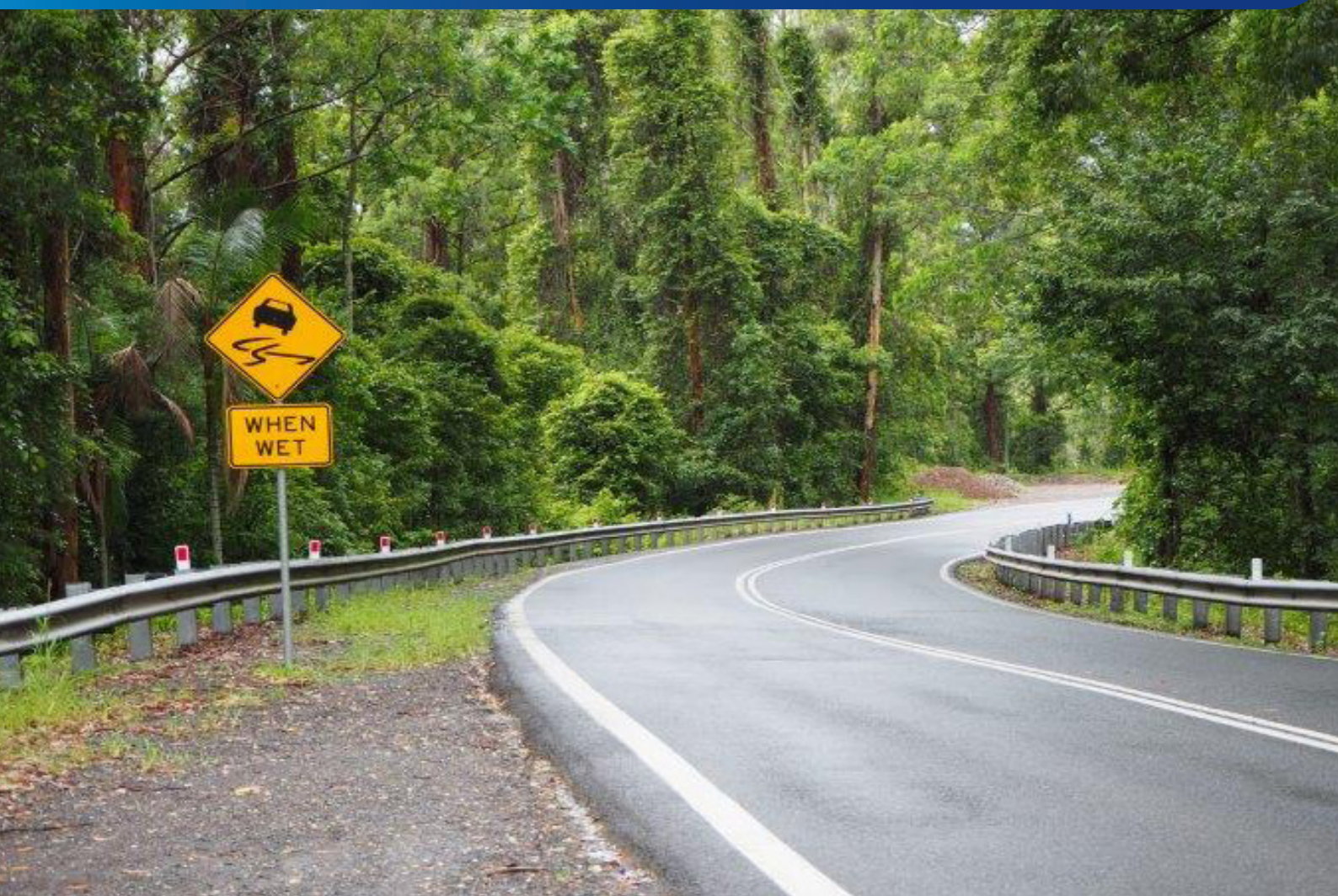


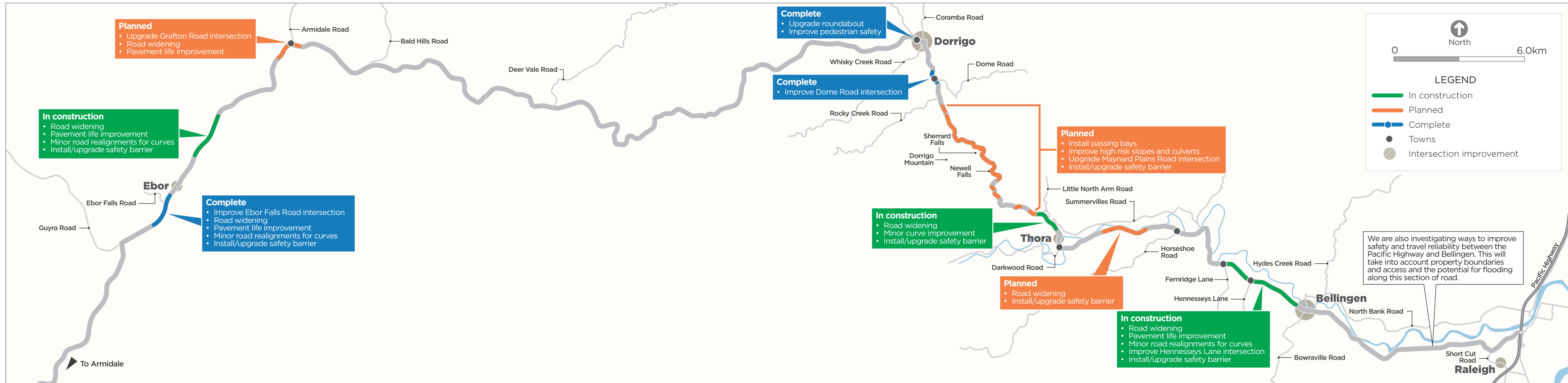
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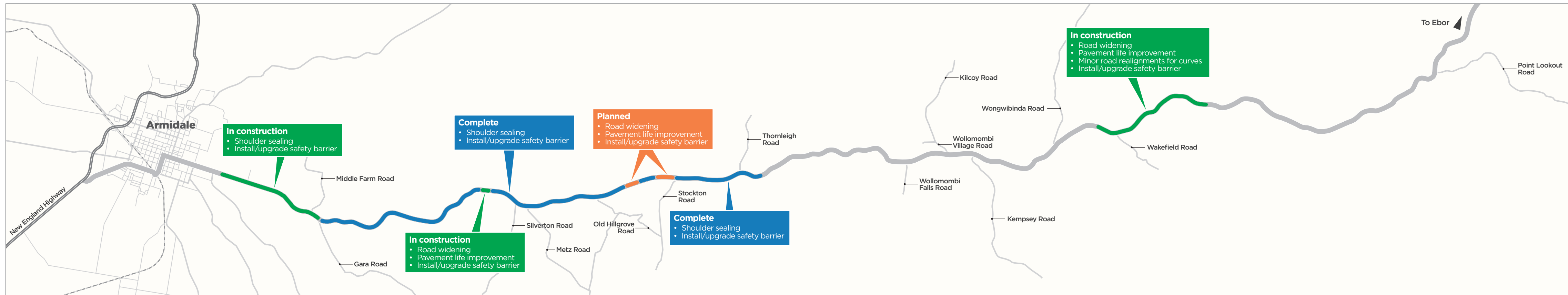
Have your say



Transport for NSW is delivering vital road improvements along Waterfall Way from the Pacific Highway at Raleigh to Armidale. This community update provides information on current, completed and planned activities.



See below for continuation of map



Funding accelerates upgrades

NSW Government's initial \$50 million commitment to improve Waterfall Way has been bolstered by extra funding from the Australian Government's road safety program. The Federal Government Covid 19 Stimulus is also providing over \$37 million funding for work on Waterfall Way.

Background

Waterfall Way has long been recognised as an essential road corridor for agriculture, tourism, transport and the travelling public.

It is one of the most scenic drives in NSW, being a tourist route that passes waterfalls on the Dorrigo Mountain and access to the Dorrigo National Park. Importantly, it also connects rural communities to the urban centres of Coffs Harbour and Armidale.

Improving the resilience and reliability of the road will ensure a safe driving experience for road users, provide ongoing access to communities west of Raleigh and economic benefits for the region.

What does the program of works look like?

We have developed a program of work that will be implemented at various locations, including:

- Widening the road to nine metres
- Installing or upgrading of safety barriers
- Intersection and road corner improvements
- Installing slow vehicle passing lanes on the Dorrigo Mountain
- Improving the intersection of Waterfall Way and the Grafton-Armidale Road north east of Ebor.

The corridor has many constraints that need to be taken into account when developing an improvement program. These include soft alluvial soils and a shallow water table on the flood plain, steep and sometimes unstable slopes and a sensitive ecological environment.

We are also investigating options to improve travel time reliability between the Pacific Highway and Bellingen. We will need to take into account property access, cattle crossings, the length of straight sections, the potential for flooding and a range of other factors when determining the locations of this work.

Timing of works

The proposed program of work will be spread over four years to minimise disruption to motorists, residents and other road users. We will plan our activities across the corridor so multiple projects and disruptive activities are not happening in one area at the same time.

Flood recovery work

More than 500mm of rain fell in the Thora area during the weather event earlier this year, closing Waterfall Way in mid-March, reopening just after the Easter long weekend. The heavy rain caused major damage, with about five large landslips and approximately 12 minor slips between Bellingen and Dorrigo. We are currently working through the design for work to be carried out about two kilometres west of Bellingen in the coming months, moving onto work at Myers Bluff next year. It's expected the road will be restored to pre-flood conditions by September 2022 and is currently open with single lane sections.

What works are happening along this road?

Recently completed works

- A new roundabout has been built at the intersection of Cudgery Street (Waterfall Way) and Hickory Street in Dorrigo. Work went to schedule and the roundabout opened to traffic in early October 2020
- Work to improve the intersection of Dome Road and Waterfall Way, just east of Dorrigo, has been completed
- Work to improve slope stability on the Dorrigo Mountain about 10 kilometres east of Dorrigo has been completed. The road is now open to two lanes of traffic and the traffic lights have been removed.

Completed soon

- Improvements to the intersection of Little North Arm Road and Waterfall Way 16 kilometres west of Bellingen and road widening for 1.1 kilometres

Work planned in the coming months

- Work to improve slope stability near the intersection of Maynards Plains Road and Waterfall Way about five kilometres east of Dorrigo
- Construction of Fernridge Lane to Bellingen
- Construction of 2.2 kilometres section of road east of Majors Point Road near Ebor
- Construction of 5.5 kilometres section between Sandy Creek to Wakefield Road 50 kilometres east of Armidale.



Widening the median and shoulders of the road

Next steps

We encourage you as a Waterfall Way community member to have your say so we can understand your concerns and preferences. Transport for NSW values consulting and engaging with the community because we know it leads to better outcomes for stakeholders.

All feedback received will be passed to the project team to consider as part of finalising the program of works.

Have your say

Community and stakeholders are invited to comment on the proposed program of works. Feedback can be provided by:

Emailing us at:

region.north@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Please include 'Waterfall Way program works feedback' in the subject line.

Completing the online survey at:

**yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/
WaterfallWay**

Sending letter to:

Waterfall Way program works, Project Team, Transport for NSW, PO Box 576, Grafton NSW 2460

Please submit feedback by:

Friday 17 September.

Information is also available at:

nswroads.work/waterfallway



A view of Sherrard Falls are an attractive roadside feature

Find out more

Want to know more?

To find out more about the proposed program of works, previous consultation carried out as part of the corridor strategy, or to have your say:



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Improving travel time reliability



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