

Frequently Asked Questions

Manns Road upgrade, between Stockyard Place, West Gosford and Narara Creek Road, Narara

May 2016

The NSW Government provided \$500,000 in 2015/16 to start planning for a future upgrade to Manns Road to improve traffic flow and safety.

Feedback on the proposed design is invited by Friday 17 June 2016 and will be considered in developing the design.

Why is the upgrade needed?

Manns Road connects the Central Coast Highway to the industrial area of West Gosford and Pacific Highway at Narara.

Roads and Maritime Services is planning for the future upgrade of the 2.7 kilometre section of road.

During peak travel times motorists experience congestion and queuing along Manns Road.

The section of Manns Road proposed for the future upgrade has a history of crashes mainly near intersections and driveways.

The upgrade would improve traffic flow and safety.

Is there expected traffic growth along Manns Road?

Yes. West Gosford is undergoing light industrial and commercial redevelopment and traffic

volumes are forecast to increase to about 39,000 vehicles per day by 2039.

I own a business in West Gosford or Narara. How will this affect me?

Easing congestion in both peak and non-peak times should benefit local businesses by:

- increasing productivity by reducing travel times
- improving safety for pedestrians.

Roads and Maritime would work with local business during construction to ensure access is maintained and any impact is minimised.

Will I still have access to my business or property during construction?

Roads and Maritime aims to minimise impacts to property access, where possible.

We will work closely with property owners during planning and construction to minimise any impact to property access including, identifying

alternative options and providing advance notice.

Is the upgrade expected to affect properties?

The design of the future upgrade aims to minimise impacts on properties. However, there are a number of properties expected to be impacted through the widening of the road,

Roads and Maritime may need to purchase properties as part of the proposed upgrade.

Roads and Maritime is committed to working with property owners and local residents through the property acquisition process.

Find out more about the property acquisition process at rms.nsw.gov.au/acquisition

When will Roads and Maritime start talking to affected property owners?

Face-to-face talks with potentially affected property owners have started.

It is important to **have your say** on the planned future upgrade to Manns Road, including potential property impacts.

If you think your property will be affected please contact us by:

Phoning: (02) 4379 7068 in business hours
Emailing:

Central.Coast.Office@rms.nsw.gov.au

Online: rms.nsw.gov.au/mannsroad
Writing: Roads and Maritime Services
Central Coast Office
Locked Bag 2030
Newcastle NSW 2300

When will upgrade work start?

The proposed design is part of the NSW Government's commitment to planning for future important road infrastructure. At this stage there is no funding or timing for construction.

The NSW Government has provided \$500,000 during the 2015/16 financial year for planning of the upgrade. No further funding has been announced at this stage.

Visit rms.nsw.gov.au/mannsroad for the latest information.

How long will construction take?

At this stage there is no funding or commitment for construction of the future upgrade, so timing is not yet known.

Will you listen to community feedback?

Yes. Comments and feedback from the community will be considered along with the results of investigations, to work out the preferred design.

What are the next steps?

Along with considering community feedback, we may need to refine traffic assessments, carry out environmental studies, detail cost estimates and develop flood modelling for Manns Road.

The next stage of project development includes developing a more detailed design and carrying out an environmental assessment.

The community will be asked for further feedback on future designs as part of our environmental assessment process.

How can I find out more information and have my say?

The community is invited to staffed drop in sessions at the Roads and Maritime Services, Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station, corner of Manns Road and Dell Road, West Gosford on:

- Monday 30 May 2016, 4pm to 7pm
- Tuesday 31 May 2016, 7am to 10am

For information about the project visit rms.nsw.gov.au/mannsroad

How can I provide feedback?

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Please send us your feedback by **17 June 2016**.