

Fixing Country Roads 2021

Bridge and Route Load Assessments Stream Application Form



1. General Information

This application form is an example only. Applications under the Bridge and Route Load Assessments Stream must be submitted online via the "[Freight Funding Portal](#)".

Applicants will be required to use an existing or create a new Freight Funding Portal user login and password, and will be prompted to choose the relevant stream for the project i.e. "**Bridge and Route Load Assessments Stream**". Mandatory and other supporting documents are to be uploaded with the application forms.

Applicants are advised to read the Fixing Country Roads Round Three Guidelines prior to proceeding to complete an application form. Program guidelines and mandatory documents can be downloaded from the [Transport for NSW Freight Website](#).

This example application form is for Bridge and Route Load Assessments Projects only. If you are seeking funding for Roads and Bridges Construction projects or Truck Wash projects, please download the example application form applicable to those streams from the [Transport for NSW Freight Website](#).

Note that short and precise comments are recommended where possible as some fields are word limited. In these cases, a count meter located at the bottom of the relevant section will indicate the maximum number of words entered.

Freight Funding Portal

Applications must be submitted online:
<https://freightfundingportal.fluidreview.com>

TfNSW Freight Website

Program guidelines and other Fixing Country Roads related documents:
<http://www.freight.transport.nsw.gov.au/strategy/projects/fixing-country-roads>

Freight Email

For any questions or concerns:
freight@transport.nsw.gov.au

1.1 Eligibility Checklist

If you answer **NO** to any question below, the project is **NOT** eligible for funding.

a) Are you a local council listed at the end of Fixing Country Roads Round Three Program Guidelines or a Joint Organisation of Councils (JOCs) representing an eligible council?	Choose an item.
b) Are the assets to be assessed on the local or regional road network?	Choose an item.
c) Are assets to be assessed on freight routes?	Choose an item.
d) Will the assessments be completed within six (6) months of funding being made available?	Choose an item.

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1.2 Applicant Contact Details

If this is a joint application between two or more councils, please provide contact details of the lead applicant. If the application is being prepared on behalf of one or several Councils by a Joint Organisation of Councils (JOC), please attach a copy of the agreement authorising the said organisation to act on their behalf after completing this form.

Title	Choose an item.
First name	
Last name	
Organisation	
Position	
Email address	
Postal Address	
Telephone No	(0X) 1234 5678

1.3 Application Details and Project Name

Project Name	
Project Type	Choose an item.
How many assets are to be assessed?	e.g. 50 bridges
Is this a Joint Application?	Choose an item.
Local Government Area/s	If this is a joint application, please include all LGAs
RMS Region	Choose an item.
Start Date	DD/MM/YYYY
Completion Date	DD/MM/YYYY

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1.4 Geographical References

Applicant will be required to list GIS coordinates for every asset to be assessed in the **Bridge and Route Load Assessments database sheet**, which can be downloaded from the [Transport for NSW Freight Website](#).

GIS coordinates are to be provided in four decimal degrees as shown in the example below:

GIS Coordinates	Latitude (4 decimal degrees)	Longitude (4 decimal degrees)
Bridge ABC	For example: -30.1234	For example: 150.1234

1.5 Key Project Summary

The comments should be precise and specific to the proposed project.

Problem Definition (word limit 150)	What are the current constraints? For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The shire has 50 timber bridges in an unknown condition.Most of these bridges are the only access point to farmlands.
Project Scope (word limit 150)	How will assets be assessed? For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Complete Level 3 bridge structural assessment for 50 timber bridges up to B-Double HML standards.
Summary of Benefits (word limit 150)	What key benefits will be generated? For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Establish a plan or strategy to prioritise bridge strengthening or replacement, and ensure bridges will not be constraint points for HML access on XYZ route.

2. Funding Profile

Please give an overview of the expected cash costs of the project as well as the different funding sources, including both confirmed and un-confirmed funding. Please include the monetary value of in-kind contributions in totals and state all values in full dollar amounts. Note the form will not tally totals, or correct errors input by applicants. Please also ensure your number formatting is correct prior to submission.

2.1 Cash Flow

2020/21	2021/2022	2022/2023
\$000,000	\$000,000	\$000,000

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2.2 Funding Sources

Fixing Country Roads	Industry or Private Sources	Council	Australian Government	Other State Government	Total Project Cost
\$000,000	\$000,000	\$000,000	\$000,000	\$000,000	\$000,000
X %	X %	X %	X %	X %	100 %

2.3 Detailed Funding Sources

Please detail all sources of co-contribution where applicable and attach evidence of these at the end of this application form. If the applicant intends to apply for any Federal Government programs or other state programs, please choose "Intend to apply" in the "Confirmed?" column. If co-contribution is in-kind, please specify monetary values in the "Amount" column and relevant supporting details in the "Comments" column.

Source Name	Source Type	Confirmed?	Cash/In-kind?	Amount	Comments
1. e.g. Company X	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	\$000,000	For example, land
2. e.g. Council X	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	\$000,000	
3. Please comment	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	\$000,000	
4. Please comment	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	\$000,000	
5. Please comment	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	\$000,000	

If the project proposal is successful, final costs will be settled with the proponent from the information provided and in accordance with relevant provisions and policies. Contribution from all parties must be confirmed at that stage.

3. Assessment Criteria

Applicants are required to provide a detailed assessment of the benefits that the project would generate against each criterion and attach supporting evidence where possible. Recommended attachments are listed at the end of this document.

Applications will be assessed for eligibility against the following four program criteria:

1. Access, Productivity and Safety Benefits
2. Growth and Economic Benefits
3. Strategic Alignment
4. Deliverability and Affordability

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3.1 Access, Productivity and Safety Benefits

Please demonstrate the significance of the bridges, culverts or routes to be assessed in providing access, productivity and safety benefits for freight in the region.

Questions	Comments (word limit 150)
a) How do the structures facilitate integration with key freight networks?	Please comment
b) How do the structures provide access for higher mass and productivity vehicles?	Please comment
c) How do the structures facilitate improvements to last or first mile freight logistics, or access to key freight precincts?	Please comment
d) Are the infrastructures important for the “whole of journey” for freight in the overall supply chain? Explain how.	Please comment
e) Does or will the project result in improved safety, such as a reduction in road fatalities, injuries or property and vehicle damage?	Please comment

Please indicate the expected consequences of a revised load rating on access, productivity and safety benefits outlined above.

In the event of:	Expected Consequences (word limit 150)
f) If the load rating has to be reduced, or load limits/closures need to be imposed?	Please comment
g) If the load rating can be increased to higher mass limits (HML)?	Please comment
h) If new heavy vehicle routes could be opened up following positive assessment of the structure(s) enabling a higher load rating to be implemented?	Please comment

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3.2 Growth and Economic Benefits

Please demonstrate what growth and economic benefits the project is expected to generate. Note a Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) model is not required for Bridge and Route Load Assessments projects, however, all applications must include the Bridge and Route Load Assessments projects database sheet.

Questions	Commodity type and volume	Comments (word limit 100)
a) List up to five freight commodities in order of significance to/from the region(s) that will be accommodated on the structures (you do not need to list all five)	1. E.g. 50,000 tonnes of livestock	Please comment
	2. E.g. 50,000 tonnes of coals	Please comment
	3. E.g. 50,000 tonnes of grain	Please comment
	4.	Please comment
	5.	Please comment

Please discuss the impact of reduced and increased load ratings by answering questions below.

Questions	In the event of a reduced load rating? (word limit 100)	In the event of an increased load rating? (word limit 100)
b) Impact on existing freight movements, and newly induced freight movements		
c) Impact on transport operating costs		
d) Impact on distances travelled and/or travelled time		
e) Impact on traffic volumes, including any changes in vehicle profile such as the use of heavy and higher productivity vehicles e.g. road trains or B-doubles		
f) Impact on asset maintenance costs		

3.3 Strategic Alignment

Please list and detail how the proposed project supports or aligns with strategies, plans or studies. This should consider all levels of Government and non-government strategies and plans at a regional level.

a) Name of the Transport/Freight study, strategy or plan:	Align to:	Comments (word limit 150)
1. e.g. NSW Freight and Ports Strategy	Choose an item.	Please comment
2. e.g. JOC/ROC/RDA Regional transport plan	Choose an item.	Please comment
3. e.g. Grain Project Regeneration	Choose an item.	Please comment
4. Please comment	Choose an item.	Please comment
5. Please comment	Choose an item.	Please comment

Please list letters of support for the project and provide a short summary of each. Letters of support should be grouped into a single file and attached at the end of this application form.

b) Letters of Support provided by:	Category:	Comments (word limit 100)
1. e.g. Transport Operator ABC	Choose an item.	Please comment
2. Please comment	Choose an item.	Please comment
3. Please comment	Choose an item.	Please comment
4. Please comment	Choose an item.	Please comment
5. Please comment	Choose an item.	Please comment
6. Please comment	Choose an item.	Please comment
7. Please comment	Choose an item.	Please comment
8. Please comment	Choose an item.	Please comment
9. Please comment	Choose an item.	Please comment
10. Please comment	Choose an item.	Please comment

3.4 Deliverability and Affordability

a) Shovel Readiness	Answer	If no, please detail the reason why?
Are all the necessary approvals in place for the assessment to be commenced and completed within six (6) months of funding being made available?	Choose an item.	Please comment

Attaching detailed quotes or detailed cost estimates including a description of the scope of work to be performed is a mandatory requirement. The Panel will use this information to assess the project's value for money. Please attach supporting documents at the end of this application form. Note additional information may be sought from the proponent, and/or third parties, to verify the costs provided by the applicant.

b) Affordability	Answer	If no, please detail the reason why?
Have quote(s) been obtained?	Choose an item.	Please comment

Have you identified and considered any potential risks which may impact on project commencement and/or completion?

c) Risks	Impact	Likelihood	Comments (word limit 100)
1. Funding and Contributions	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Please comment
2. Construction (including pre-construction activities)	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Please comment
3. Project Scope	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Please comment
4. Approval or other planning issues	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Please comment
5. Compliance with Building Codes and the WHS requirements	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Please comment
6. Contracting issues	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Please comment
7. Insert other risk	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Please comment

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Has any previous and related expenditure been made on the project? (leave blank if not applicable)

d) Previous expenditure	Value expended to date	Scope and nature of expenditure description (word limit 100)
1. Please comment	\$000,000	Please comment
2. Please comment	\$000,000	Please comment
3. Please comment	\$000,000	Please comment

Please list key milestones. Note that the total expenditure spent on all key milestones should be equal to the total project cost in Section 2, Funding Profile.

e) Milestone	% of project completed	Milestone Date	Expenditure spent per milestone	Comment (word limit 100)
Insert milestone 1	X%	DD/MM/YYYY	\$000,000	Please comment
Insert milestone 2	X%	DD/MM/YYYY	\$000,000	Please comment
Insert milestone 3	X%	DD/MM/YYYY	\$000,000	Please comment
Insert milestone 4	X%	DD/MM/YYYY	\$000,000	Please comment
Insert milestone 5	X%	DD/MM/YYYY	\$000,000	Please comment

4. Benefit Realisation

Funding recipients for Bridge and Route Load Assessment projects will be asked to provide Infrastructure NSW and Transport for NSW with details of the load rating for each structure or asset post assessment. Please see program guidelines for more information on the [Transport for NSW Freight Website](#).

5. Declaration

I certify I have read and understood Fixing Country Roads Round Three Program Guidelines, and the information provided within and supporting this application is true and correct. I certify I am legally authorised to sign this application for and on behalf of the applicant(s) (as in Section 1.2 and 1.3).

Name	
Organisation	
Position	
Date	DD/MM/YYYY
Signed	

Fixing Country Roads applications must be submitted online via <https://freightfundingportal-apply.smapply.io/>
Please check the [Fixing Country Roads](#) web page for closing dates.

6. Attachments

Applicants have the option to upload up to 10 supporting documents. All file types are accepted, however PDFs are preferred for text based documents. Applicants are recommended to group similar supporting documents together.

The below table shows a list of documents, some of which are mandatory and others are optional (recommended).

Documents	Requirement	Note
Bridge and Route Load Assessments application form	Mandatory	The application form must be filled in and submitted online via the Freight Funding Portal. The example form can be downloaded at: http://www.freight.transport.nsw.gov.au/strategy/projects/fixing-country-roads
Bridge and Route Load Assessments database sheet	Mandatory	Applicants must use the latest database sheet and attach the completed sheet with their online application form. The database sheet can be downloaded from: http://www.freight.transport.nsw.gov.au/strategy/projects/fixing-country-roads Successful applicants will be asked to provide assessment results by filling in an additional column in the Database Sheet post project completion
Evidence of Authorisation	Mandatory	In the case of a joint application, the lead council must provide an Authorisation Letter.
Quotes/ Detailed Breakdown of Costs	Mandatory	Evidence to support Deliverability and Affordability criterion.
Map showing bridges or routes to be assessed	Optional	Evidence to support Access, Productivity and Safety, and Growth and Economic Benefits criteria. Transport for NSW has developed a map containing key information which can be accessed at: http://www.freight.transport.nsw.gov.au/maps-and-statistics Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) map shows access level: http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/maps/restricted-access-vehicles-map/map/index.html
Traffic survey data	Optional	Evidence to support Growth and Economic Benefits criterion providing the number and type of heavy vehicles on the identified route(s).
Route maintenance cost data	Optional	Evidence to support Growth and Economic Benefits criterion, this may include periodic and major maintenance costs and bills.
Freight and transport studies or plans	Optional	Evidence to support Growth and Economic Benefits and Strategic Alignment criteria, such as a transport or investment plan showing the proposed project listed as priority work. Applicants may include studies that demonstrate commodity tonnage originated, destined or as a throughput generated in the council, region or State.
Letters of support	Optional	Evidence to support Growth and Economic Benefits and Strategic Alignment criteria, such as letters of support from council and industry showing expected benefits, any financial contribution as well as industry's current and future freight tonnage, traffic data and vehicle fleet profile.
Other documents i.e. photos	Optional	As identified by the applicant.