

## Acknowledgement of Country

Transport for NSW acknowledges the Wallumedegal people of Dharug nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work.

We pay our respect to Elders past and present and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal people and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of NSW.

Many of the transport routes we use today – from rail lines, to roads, to water crossings – follow the traditional Songlines, trade routes and ceremonial paths in Country that our nation's First Peoples followed for tens of thousands of years.

Transport for NSW is committed to honouring Aboriginal peoples' cultural and spiritual connections to the lands, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.

### 1. What is the Epping Bridge Project?

The Epping Bridge Project proposes to replace the existing Epping Road bridge with a new, wider, bridge.

Key features of the upgrade include:

- an additional westbound traffic lane
- an additional right turn lane eastbound from Beecroft Road onto Blaxland Road
- a wider pedestrian and bicycle shared path
- a raised central median, with widened eastbound and westbound lanes
- installation of new safety screens on the bridge.

### 2. What are the benefits of the Epping Bridge Project?

The upgrade will complement the Epping Town Centre road and intersection upgrades completed by Transport for NSW in 2018, and ease congestion, reduce travel times, and improve safety for road users.

Key benefits of the project would include:

- increased road capacity to meet future traffic growth and housing development
- improved road safety through the delivery of a new central median and traffic lanes

- increased cyclist and pedestrian safety through the delivery of a pedestrian and bicycle shared path, and new safety screens
- greater access to Epping Town Centre and better integration between transport modes
- better connectivity to residential, recreational, and commercial areas within and around Epping by improving travel time for all road users
- enhanced active transport links and access to public transport
- reduced maintenance requirements and operational costs.

### 3. Is there funding for the Epping Bridge Project?

The Australian and NSW governments are jointly providing \$220 million in funding to replace Epping Bridge to ease congestion and improve safety for road users.

### 4. What has happened on the Epping Bridge Project so far?

In April 2023, Transport for NSW awarded Mott MacDonald Australia the contract to develop the concept design, prepare the Review of Environmental Factors, manage early investigation work, and provide technical advice for the project.

As part of concept design development and preparation for the Review of Environmental Factors (REF), investigation works will be undertaken in the road and rail corridors in the coming months.

### 5. What will happen next?

Transport for NSW will place the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors (REF) on public exhibition and invite feedback from the community. The REF will outline and identify environmental impacts, constraints, risks and opportunities for the project.

Submissions received during the public display of the REF will then be responded to in a Determination Report which will consider whether planning approval is granted. The flowchart below shows the planning and approval process for the project.



\*subject to planning approval

## 6. When will construction of the bridge start and finish?

Commencement of construction is subject to planning approval, which will be outlined in the Determination Report. Once planning approval is received, the project will proceed to detailed design and then construction. There may be some enabling work undertaken prior to the start of major construction.

Construction is expected to take approximately five years to complete.

For the safety of the community and our workers, some of the work on the Epping Bridge Project needs to be completed during Sydney Trains track work weekends, when no trains are running through Epping Station. This only occurs for selected few weekends during the year, and the project's ability to complete work during these weekends is also dependent on other circumstances, such as weather.

## 7. When will community consultation occur?

Transport for NSW will invite the community to provide their feedback on the concept design and the Review of Environmental Factors when they are placed on public display. The community will be kept informed about engagement opportunities and project updates via the project webpage, community notifications, email alerts, social media posts and media announcements.

Transport for NSW will continue to engage with the community and stakeholders throughout the planning and delivery stages of the project.

## 8. Will there be any impacts to surrounding infrastructure from the Epping Bridge Project?

The full impact of the project is still being determined and will be fully assessed in the Review of Environmental Factors. Transport for NSW will keep the community updated as the project progresses.

## 9. How can I keep up to date on the Epping Bridge Project?

If community members or stakeholders would like to be added to the project's e-distribution list so that they can receive email updates about the project, please contact the project team at **parramatta@transport.nsw.gov.au** or by calling **1800 979 577**.