

Oxley Highway King Creek Road intersection

Community Update

July 2023

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The NSW Government is investigating further safety and efficiency improvements at the intersection of the Oxley Highway and King Creek Road



Background

Between 2014 and 2020 there were six crashes at the intersection, these crashes included two serious injury crashes, three moderate injury crashes and one non casualty crash.

In May 2021, the NSW Government announced \$1.6 million funding in safety works at the Oxley Highway and King Creek Road intersection, as part of the Oxley Highway Route Safety Review and the Oxley Highway corridor strategy.

In November 2021, Transport consulted the community on the proposed short and medium-term options to improve the safety and efficiency at the Oxley Highway and King Creek Road intersection.

In September 2022, in response to community's feedback, Transport committed to investigating the design of a small roundabout and eastbound slip lane.

In November 2022, short term improvements were made to the intersection including refreshing line marking and installing solar powered vehicle activated signs and radar posts to alert highway motorists to slow down when there are vehicles moving within the King Creek Road intersection.

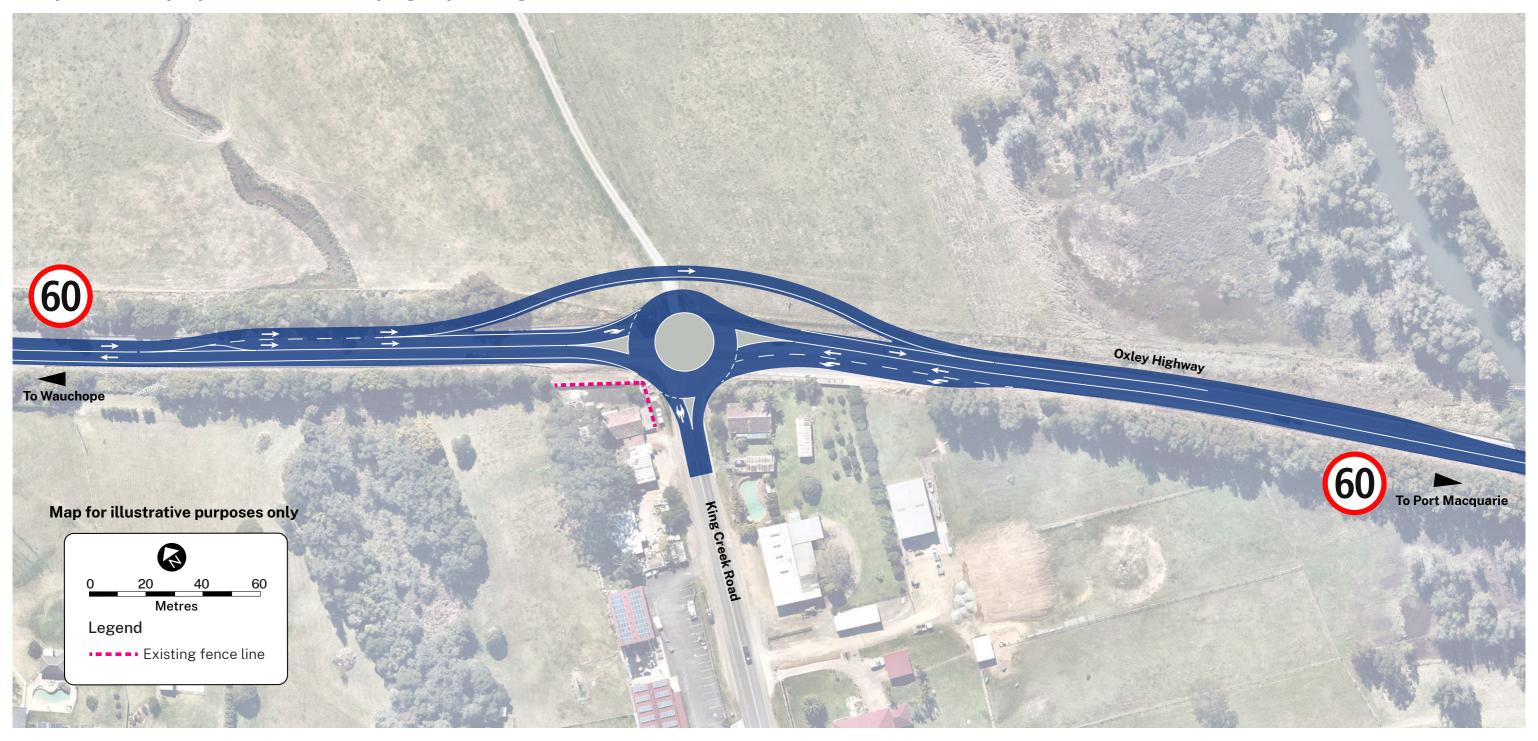
Since this time Transport has been developing the concept design of the roundabout to improve safety and traffic efficiency at the intersection.

Upcoming work will include development of the detailed design and preparation of the environmental assessment for the small roundabout and eastbound slip lane.

Key matters raised included:

- support for the long-term strategy towards developing potential solutions such as a roundabout or traffic lights
- mixed sentiment about the different components of the proposed short and medium-term solutions
- support for speed reduction on the Oxley Highway approaching King Creek Road
- continuing concerns on the obscured sightline for vehicles wanting to turn out of King Creek Road.

Safety and efficiency improvements at the Oxley Highway and King Creek Road intersection





What is the proposed design?

Based on community feedback and our investigations we have identified building a small roundabout and eastbound slip lane at the King Creek Road and Oxley Highway intersection as our preferred option. This option has been developed in consideration of:

- road safety: reducing the likelihood and severity of crashes
- **environment:** reducing environmental impacts and adverse impacts to the wider community

- traffic efficiency: maintaining overall network efficiency, including minimising delays to highway traffic
- constructability: reducing impacts to normal operations during construction, complexity of the build
- **cost:** funding, cost comparison, utility disturbance and whole of life costs.

The implementation of this option is dependent on funding availability and environmental approvals.



Benefits

Transport values consulting and engaging with the community because we know it leads to better outcomes for stakeholders.

The preferred option addresses key concerns raised by the community including looking at a longer term solution and reducing the speed limit on approach to the intersection. A 60km/h speed limit is also a design requirement of the roundabout option.

Other benefits include:

- improving the safety of the King Creek Road and Oxley Highway intersection by removing conflict points and reducing the likelihood and severity of crashes
- fitting with long term planning for the Oxley Highway and Port Macquarie LGA
- increasing the capacity of the intersection and improving traffic efficiency

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Have your say

Community and stakeholders are invited to comment on the option outlined in this update. You are encouraged to have your say so we can understand your concerns and answer any questions you may have.

The community is invited to provide comment by Monday 5pm 31 July 2023.



Next steps

Feedback from the community will be considered to help us finalise our plans for the intersection. More information will be provided to the community and stakeholders as the project progresses.

Have your say

To have your feedback formally considered please make a written submission via:



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Consultation on the proposed intersection upgrade

Community consultation report

Approval to proceed

Implement short term options

Investigate longer term options

Consultation on the design of the longer term option



Questions:

For more information please call 1800 653 092:



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