Transport for NSW



New England Highway – Singleton Bypass

Project update - Main contract awarded

November 2023







Transport for NSW acknowledges the Wanaruah/Wonnarua people of the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

The Australian Government has invested \$560 million and the NSW Government \$140 million to build the Singleton Bypass.

Major work on the Singleton Bypass will start mid-2024. Transport for NSW has awarded a design and construction contract to deliver the Singleton Bypass to Acciona Construction Australia Pty Ltd.

Project overview

On completion, the eight kilometre project will bypass five sets of traffic lights in Singleton's CBD and remove about 15,000 vehicles per day from the town centre. The project will also support more than 1300 jobs during construction.

The bypass will include:

- About eight kilometres of new highway with a single lane in each direction
- Six bridges including a long bridge spanning across the Main Northern Railway, Doughboy Hollow and the Hunter River floodplain
- Connections at the southern and northern ends of the bypass, at Putty Road and at Gowrie Gates.

Key benefits

Key benefits of the bypass include:

 Improve traffic flow and travel times for freight and general traffic along the New England Highway travelling through Singleton

- Improve safety through the town centre by reducing traffic, including heavy vehicles
- Improve the amenity of the Singleton town centre by removing significant amounts of through traffic.

Early work

Early work on the project started December 2022. We have completed fencing along the corridor, demolished existing buildings and carried out salvage of Aboriginal Heritage items.

We are continuing to relocate power and communication utilities along the corridor. We will also be carrying out additional geotechnical investigations and ground survey in early 2024, in preparation for major work to start on the project.



Aboriginal heritage salvage work near the southern connection of the project



When and where we'll be working

Daytime work is being carried out Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm and on Saturday between 8am and 1pm.

We will notify residents who may be impacted by our early work activities.

What will this mean for you?

At times there may be temporary lane closures and reduced speed limits.

Please keep to the sign posted speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers.

Next steps

We are expecting to complete early work on the project in early 2024, weather permitting.

Acciona will progress site investigations and finalise the detailed design in preparation for the start of major work in mid-2024.

More information about our work program will be provided closer to the start of major work. We will keep the community informed as the project progresses.



New powerlines installed on Orchard Lane

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