



# Hillsborough Road Upgrade

## Project update

November 2023



Australian Government



Hillsborough Road looking east

Transport for NSW (Transport) is planning to upgrade Hillsborough Road from the Newcastle Inner City Bypass roundabout to the existing duplication west of Crockett Street. Around 35,000 motorists use Hillsborough Road daily and this upgrade would improve traffic flow, safety and accessibility for all road users.

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





The NSW Government has announced \$35 million in funding to deliver the first stage of the Hillsborough Road upgrade, which involves upgrading Crockett Street intersection, including the installation of traffic lights.

Transport is moving forward with the detailed design. The tender invitation process has commenced and will close for submissions late December, with the successful tenderer to be announced in March 2024 following the evaluation process.

Work on the upgrades will start in 2025 and is expected to be completed in about 18 months, depending on final staging arrangements. Timing for construction of the remaining stages is subject to project approvals and funding.

## Project background

Hillsborough Road is a key corridor between Charlestown and Warners Bay and provides access to and from the Newcastle Inner City Bypass. The upgrade will deliver the duplication of about 1.8 kilometres of Hillsborough Road, installation of traffic lights on Chadwick Street, Barker Avenue and Crockett Street as well as other road and safety improvements.

A concept design and Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was prepared for the full upgrade of Hillsborough Road, to identify potential impacts and mitigation measures. The REF was displayed in November and December 2022 and a submissions report was published in August 2023, with majority of submissions supporting the proposal.

## Work in progress

Transport will be delivering the upgrade from the Newcastle Inner City Bypass to west of Crockett Street in a staged approach.

Stage 1 of the upgrade, between west of Barker Avenue and the existing duplication west of Crockett Street has been fast tracked and will deliver the duplication of about 700 metres of Hillsborough Road, installation of traffic lights at Crockett Street, as well as other road safety improvements.

We are continuing to plan for the remaining stages of the Hillsborough Road upgrade and will keep the community and key stakeholders informed on the timing of these future stages as the project progresses.



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## Project benefits

- Improve corridor and intersection efficiency and reliability for all modes of transport
- Improve road safety for all road users including pedestrians and cyclists
- Improve infrastructure for active transport modes.

## Key features of the project

- Duplication of 1.8km of Hillsborough Road to a divided carriageway with two lanes of traffic in each direction between the Newcastle Inner City Bypass Roundabout and the existing duplication west of Crockett Street.
- Signalisation of Chadwick Street, Barker Avenue and Crockett Street intersections.
- Modification to Higham Road intersection to left out only treatment.
- U turn facility at Barker Avenue.
- New separated left in only entry and left out only exit for the CNCC Showgrounds located east (entry) and west (exit) of Chadwick Street intersection.
- Shoulder with provision for cyclists in both directions.
- Off road shared path on the northern side of Hillsborough Road.
- Upgraded bus stop facilities.
- Relocation of utilities.
- Culvert widenings and replacements.



Hillsborough Road looking west

# Next steps

## Project development process

Timing subject to funding and business case approval

- Initial investigations and develop preferred design
- Consultation on preferred design
- Prepare concept design and environmental assessment
- Display of Concept Design and Review of Environmental Factors (REF)
- Release of Submissions Report
- Project approval

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### Detailed design

**Construction:** Timing for construction of the upgrade has not been confirmed and is subject to approval and funding availability

The successful tender for the detailed design will be announced in early 2024.

Some survey work will be carried out in early 2024 for future planning of construction. There will be no impact to motorists or the community during this time.

We will continue to keep the community updated as the project progresses and we approach construction.



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