

21 January 2021

Reference: P.0043166

Bob Dwyer Lord Mayor City of Parramatta 126 Church Street Parramatta, NSW 2150

Dear Bob

Consultation regarding proposed intersection upgrade at Pennant Hills Road and North Rocks Road in Carlingford

Transport for NSW is proposing to undertake works for the Pennant Hills Road and North Rocks Road intersection upgrade at Carlingford. The objectives of the proposal are to reduce delays, manage congestion and maintain travel times particularly during week day peak periods.

Transport for NSW previously consulted with Council regarding the project in July 2017. The proposal involved the provision of an additional through lane and new intersection configurations on Pennant Hills Road and North Rocks Road, which would ease congestion and improve traffic flow along the corridor. Refer to Attachment 1 for the letter provided to Council in 2017 as well as a summary of Council's comments and Transport for NSW (then Roads and Maritime Services) response.

The project was approved in 2018 however since then the scope has been modified. The modified proposal would involve:

- Widen Pennant Hills Road between Woodstock Road and Murray Farm Road to accommodate an additional through lane in each carriageway
- Additional two right turn lanes from North Rocks Road west into Pennant Hills Road southbound
- Remove the left turn only condition for road users travelling on Pennant Hills Road northbound to enable three northbound lanes through the intersection
- Install left turn slip lane with new traffic island on Pennant Hills Road southbound to North Rocks Road eastbound.
- Maintain the existing left turn slip lane on North Rocks Road eastbound into northbound Pennant Hills Road northbound
- An additional right turn lane for road users travelling eastbound and turning right from North Rocks Road into Pennant Hills Road

- Install a raised median in the centre of Pennant Hills Road between Woodstock Road and Murray Farm Road
- New pedestrian crossing on the southern leg of Pennant Hills Road/North Rocks Road intersection
- Adjust driveways and footpaths
- Adjust utilities, street lighting, drainage, signage and line marking.

The key features of the modified proposal are shown in Attachment 2.

Under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007, Transport for NSW is required to consult with City of Parramatta under clause 13 due to the potential impacts on council related infrastructure. These are itemised below:

- Permanent traffic changes to North Rocks Road near the intersection of Pennant Hills Road
- Realignment of footpath along Pennant Hills Road and North Rocks road near the intersection
- Additional drainage pits and pipes along Pennant Hills Road and North Rocks Road near the intersection.

A design plan of the modified proposal is attached to this letter (Attachment 3) which shows the proposal in detail.

It would be appreciated if you could provide any comments about this proposal by 12 February 2021.

Transport for NSW would be pleased to provide further information if required. In this regard Pira Ramunananthan may be contacted on 0437 797 833 or by email pira.ramunananthan@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

Pira Ramunananthan
Project Manager
Easing Sydney's Congestion Program Office, Transport for NSW

Attachment 1

Letter Provided to Parramatta City Council, dated 24 July 2017 and summary of Council comments and Transport for NSW (then Roads and Maritime Services) responses



24 July 2017

Reference: P.0017982

Richard Searle Service Manager Traffic and Transport City of Parramatta 126 Church Street Parramatta, NSW 2150

Dear Richard.

Consultation regarding proposed intersection upgrade at Pennant Hills Road and North Rocks Road in Carlingford

We are writing to inform you of the proposed intersection upgrade at Pennant Hills Road and North Rocks Road as part of Roads and Maritime Services (Roads and Maritime) Easing Sydney's Congestion Pinch Point Program. The objectives of the proposal are to reduce delays, manage congestion and maintain travel times particularly during week day peak periods.

The proposal would involve;

- Widening Pennant Hills Road to three through lanes, from approximately 200m north of the existing intersection, to Woodstock Road to the south (with widening within the existing road reserve, mostly to the east).
- Dedicated high entry left slip lane from Pennant Hills Road (north approach) onto North Rocks Road (eastern approach).
- Dedicated right turn bay from North Rocks Road (eastern approach) onto Pennant Hills Road (travelling north)
- Lengthen existing left turn bay from North Rocks Road (eastern approach) onto Pennant Hills Road (travelling south) to make this a shared through and left turn lane, and
- Associated works including private property fence and driveway modification along Pennant Hills Road, establishment of a site compound at the Roads and Maritime owned vacant land at the north east corner of the intersection, utility relocations, environmental controls, vegetation removal, new pavement and kerb, new stormwater pits and connections, line marking and signage.

Under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007, Roads and Maritime is required to consult with the City of Parramatta under clause 13 and 14 due to the potential impacts on council related infrastructure. These are itemised below:

- Permanent traffic changes to North Rocks Road near the intersection of Pennant Hills Road.
 Roads and Maritime is proposing to widen and modify North Rocks Road as outlined above, refer Attachment A.
- Permanent realignment of the pedestrian footpath on the eastern and western side of Pennant Hills Road for the length of the proposal, refer Attachment A and
- · Additional drainage pipes and pits along North Rocks Road.

It has been determined that this proposal may have more than a minor or inconsequential impact upon the pedestrian footpath and council owned infrastructure. A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) is currently being prepared to assess the likely impacts of the proposal under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.* It is expected the proposed works would commence in early 2019 and take 18 months to complete.

A design plan of the proposal on an aerial is attached to this letter (Attachment A) which shows the proposal in detail.

To enable consideration of your comments, a response would be appreciated by 22^{nd} August 2017. Roads and Maritime would be pleased to provide further information if required, in this regard George Allan (Project Manager) may be contacted on the below details.

Yours faithfully,

George Allan Project Manager – North Pinch Points Easing Sydney's Congestion Email: george.a.allan@rms.nsw.gov.au A response from Parramatta City Council was provided on 11 December 2017. A summary of the issues raised by Council and a response from Roads and Maritime is provided below:

Council issue	Roads and Maritime response
A pedestrian crossing should be added across the southern leg of the intersection. This will provide improved connections across Pennant Hills Road and reduce delays for pedestrians on the southern side of North Rocks Road.	RMS has not installed a pedestrian crossing at this intersection because pedestrians crossing time on this leg exceeds the corresponding traffic phase. To install a pedestrian crossing on this leg will increase delays to traffic flow in through on the intersection. The majority of pedestrians at this intersection cross to / from the NE corner. There is very limited demand to only cross from the SE to the SW corners. This item is currently with RMS Network Operations for approval to keep the existing situation and not install this pedestrian crossing.
North Rocks Road in this area is one of Council's cycle routes as a consequence; cycle route requirements should be incorporated into the design.	This is acknowledged, and where affected by this proposal, the cycle route requirements will be implemented.
nuncil could not agree to the narrowing of the footway below 3.5m wide on these two busy roads. The maintenance of the footway width is seen as important to encourage use for active transport rather than vehicle trips.	Pennant Hills Rd and North Rocks Rd Intersection is a major intersection which is currently operating at capacity with significant peak hour delays. To achieve a suitable lane configuration which will increase the intersection capacity without property acquisition requires the footpaths to be less than 3.5 m in some locations mainly in areas where they are currently less than 3.5m.

Attachment 2

Key features of the modified proposal







Improve travel speeds

Improving traffic flow









Easing Congestion

Attachment 3

Design plan of the modified proposal



















