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Have your say and help us shape the future of transport in the Hunter

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The Draft Hunter Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan (SRITP) has been released for public consultation and Transport for NSW is inviting feedback from the community to help shape the final plan, due for release in 2025.

The Draft Hunter SRITP outlines a vision for transport in the region where all communities are well connected by high quality transport infrastructure and services, allowing people to walk, ride, catch public transport or use their private vehicle safely.

The Hunter region is changing, with significant population growth and increased freight movements within and through the region.

Early engagement activities have been carried out in recent months with local councils, Members of Parliament and key regional representative groups, together with community insights from more than 2000 visits to Transport's Have Your Say platform.

Through this extensive consultation, analysis and investigation, Transport has identified more than 55 short and medium-term initiatives, which are now on public exhibition for broader community input.

The Draft Hunter SRITP and related documents are available at www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/sritp/hunter with submissions invited until Friday 28 February 2025 via that page or by emailing engage.sritps@transport.nsw.gov.au. Pop-up events will also be scheduled in early 2025 for Transport representatives to talk with local communities.

The Draft Hunter SRITP is one of nine Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans (SRITPs) being developed to better reflect the transport needs of regional communities now and into the future.

Expanding on previous transport plans, the SRITPs focus on delivering integrated short, medium and long-term solutions to help drive economic growth, improve connectivity, and enhance the quality of life for residents in the regions.

Quote attributable to Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, Jenny Aitchison:

"We're listening to the community, stakeholders, and experts to create a transport network that meets the diverse and dynamic needs of the Hunter region, including its major cities and small villages, across all modes of transport.

"I urge all residents, businesses, community and industry groups to visit the website, take a look at the draft plan and share your feedback.

"A lot of work has gone into developing the draft and we want to make sure Transport for NSW gets it right when it comes to developing the final plan.

“Once all feedback is considered, the final plan will be prepared and released next year.

“The final plan will be accompanied by an implementation strategy to ensure we deliver better transport and road networks across the region and I am excited to see what the community feedback is and what the final plan looks like.”

Quote attributable to Minister for the Hunter, Yasmin Catley:

“With more people moving to and visiting the Hunter, it’s critical we have quality and accessible public transport.

“It’s important this plan accounts for the Hunter’s diverse communities and everyone who lives there, which is why we’re consulting widely with community and experts.

“We want to better serve the people who live in this area and ensure they have access to more services and more places, across all days of the week.

“Our existing transport infrastructure network will be reimagined to support improved roads and public transport connections between homes, work, education, healthcare services and entertainment precincts so everyone can get where they need to be and make the most of our region.”