

Replacement of Wallendbeen Bridge

Community update

February 2024



The permanent road-over-rail bridge at Wallendbeen will improve travel times and provide an improved structure with wider two-lane crossing.

Latest update

We are planning to return to site this week to restart work on the new permanent road bridge at Wallendbeen, following complex access and contractual negotiations over the last 12 months.

When we'll be working

Work to remobilise the site is expected to begin from **Monday 26 February** between **7am and 7pm on weekdays** and **7am to 1pm on Saturdays**, if required.

Further site establishment work is expected from **Monday 4 March** in preparation for the planned ARTC shutdown possession from **Saturday 9 to Monday 11 March**.

During this period, no trains will be running, enabling the team to carry out work 24 hours a day

Burley Griffin Way permanent road-over-rail bridge at Wallendbeen



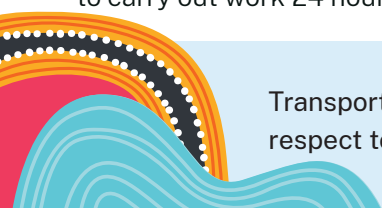
within the rail corridor.

While work is under way, we will continue to carry out inspections on the temporary crossing to ensure it remains safe and serviceable.

These regular inspections include studies of the area, traffic light phasing, signage, safety, compliance and driver behaviour.

One such inspection showed excessive delays in the traffic light phasing, creating frustrations for drivers. This issue was rectified before traffic volumes increased over the holiday period.

We apologise to the community for the delay, and express thanks for your patience and understanding while we complete this important project.



Work completed

Work on the permanent bridge started in late 2022.

Since March 2023, work has included:

- building temporary access for plant and equipment
- delivery of six super-T bridge girders
- delivery of retaining wall blocks.

Extensive safety work has also been carried out, including regular inspections on the temporary bridge to ensure it remains safe and serviceable for the community and road users.

Next steps

We are planning to remobilise the site and continue construction of the new bridge this week.

Transport understands the new bridge is important to the function of the road network and people who use the bridge.

The temporary bridge will remain in place until construction of the permanent bridge has been completed.

Due to delays in accessing the rail corridor, the project is expected to be completed in mid-2025.

Contact us

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Other work



Speed compliance and unsafe behaviour

At a drop-in session last year, we heard about safety concerns at the temporary bridge site.

Issues included speeding, drivers disobeying the bridge's traffic lights and missing or conflicting signage.

To improve safety at the temporary bridge location we have extended the 20 km/h speed limit.

The 20 km/h speed zone extends an additional 75 metres on the approaches to the bridge, slowing traffic in the vicinity of Morrisons Hill and Silo roads to the west and North Jindalee Road to the south.

Extending the speed limit at this location has provided a safer road environment, enabling the zone to be enforced by NSW Police.

We also installed classifiers on the bridge, which look like rubber strips on the road and record vehicle speeds and types, to better understand driver behaviour.

This information has been used to review and update work site signage and engage with NSW Police on compliance.



Speed zoning

Last year, we received a request from the community to reduce a 60 km/h section of the Burley Griffin Way at Wallendbeen to 50 km/h. We have since investigated speed limits in the village and found this reduction does not comply with NSW speed zoning guidelines due to the road environment. At this stage, current speed zones will remain unchanged.



Pedestrian paths

We acknowledge a pedestrian path across the rail corridor remains a key priority for the local community.

While a path is not in the current funded plans for the replacement bridge, we are continuing to work with Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council on active transport options within the village.

We understand there are issues with using the underpass to safely cross the railway line. The rail underpass located to the east of the adjoining Silo Road and Lackey Street has sustained flooding due to a reported damaged system. The damaged pipe fails to adequately drain the underpass making it impassable at this time.

We will continue to work with council on a solution to this issue.

During the drop-in session, we also received a request for a pedestrian facility on the Burley Griffin Way, linking the village to Barry Grace Oval.

A marked pedestrian crossing is not under consideration for this location due to the lack of connecting paths to allow a safe road environment.

The construction and maintenance of footpaths is the responsibility of council. Transport is happy to continue working with council in planning for improved paths.