



Frequently Asked Questions

Heathcote Road Upgrade

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

The Heathcote Road Upgrade involves widening 2.2km of the existing two-lane road to a four-lane divided road from The Infantry Parade at Holsworthy to The Avenue at Voyager Point.

Other key features of the project include:

- Upgrading the Macarthur Drive and The Avenue intersections to traffic light (signalised) intersections
- Replacing the existing road bridges over Harris Creek and Williams Creek with two new bridges in each location
- Constructing a new bridge over rail, totalling five new bridges for the project and one utility bridge that will carry Sydney Water's asset at Harris Creek
- Providing a pedestrian and cyclist shared path along the road, connecting Voyager Point to Holsworthy Train Station towards Hammondville.

Why is it needed

The existing road between Infantry Parade and The Avenue is generally a four lane road that becomes a two lane undivided road across the three bridges over Williams Creek, the T8 Airport railway line and Harris Creek. At these locations, traffic is required to merge from four to two lanes, causing congestion and delays. The Macarthur Drive intersection also experiences particularly heavy congestion during the morning peak.

These issues are likely to worsen, with intersection movements expected to increase by about 30 per cent in the future. The average crash rate is also expected to increase in the future. This area is a key link for commuters who drive, walk or cycle to Holsworthy Train Station and the Holsworthy Army Barracks. There are currently no shared paths connecting to Holsworthy Train Station, with pedestrians and cyclists using the grassed verge and the road.

What are the benefits

The benefits of the Heathcote Road Upgrade include:

- Reduced travel time for people travelling along Heathcote Road, especially during the morning peak period
- Easing congestion and providing additional network capacity for traffic turning into all intersections, in particular the Macarthur Drive intersection
- Improvements to pedestrian and cycle access and safety, in particular to Holsworthy Train Station and Hammondville Park.
- Overall improved safety for all road users, particularly at the intersections of Macarthur Drive and The Avenue.
- Improved freight access and efficiency.

How was the community consulted on the project

Transport for NSW (Transport) began consultation with the local community and stakeholders on the Heathcote Road Upgrade in June 2015, inviting feedback on the proposed road upgrade. We received comments from 18 individuals and one organisation. Matters raised by the community included:

- The safety of road users, pedestrians and cyclists
- The design of the proposed road upgrade
- Construction and operational noise.

Following the consultation period, we prepared a consultation report outlining the feedback received and our responses. Responses were provided to stakeholders and community members who provided feedback and the consultation report was published on the project [website](#).

Consultation with other government agencies and stakeholders also occurred to develop the concept design, to help identify key environmental and community issues and opportunities, and to discuss potential safeguards and management measures.

Throughout the development of the Heathcote Road proposal, we consulted with Liverpool City Council, the Department of Defence, Sydney Trains and other key stakeholders.

What is the current timeline for the completion of milestones and stages of the project

We acknowledge the concerns raised by the community regarding the project's development and completion date. Transport is currently undertaking a thorough assessment of the construction program and staging plans to confirm the updated timeframe of each milestone, including the open to traffic date. We are also investigating various opportunities to efficiently complete the project.

Transport plans to implement the next construction stage in the second half of 2024, with the road now scheduled to open to traffic in 2025.

Why has the timing for the completion of the project extended

The Heathcote Road Upgrade project has faced difficult challenges which has caused delays in the construction works. These challenges include the discovery of unknown utilities, complexities with resolving utility design issues, discovery of contaminated material and wet weather impacts.

Why has the existing sign at Voyager Point been removed

A new retaining wall is being constructed along The Avenue to enable a new shared path that will improve pedestrian and cyclist access and connectivity to Holsworthy Train Station and surrounds for Voyager Point residents. As part of this work, removal of the existing sign was required. A new sign saying "The Sanctuary at Voyager Point" will be installed on the new retaining wall as a stainless steel panel. Landscaping incorporating native planting and vegetation will be provided near the shared path and retaining wall.

Can the plans for the new Voyager Point signage and shared path be viewed by the public

Yes, residents can view the plans for the new Voyager Point signage and revitalisation on the [website](#).

Was the community consulted on these plans before construction

The community was actively consulted as part of the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) process in 2016. Additionally, Liverpool City Council has reviewed and endorsed the detailed landscape design.

What measures are in place to mitigate the traffic congestion between Macarthur Drive and Infantry Parade while the project is being completed

The NSW Government is committed to delivering a safe, connected and reliable road network.

There have been no modifications to the number of existing lanes and traffic lights at Infantry Parade and capacity for drivers has been maintained which is reflected in the approved traffic management plan.

Since the construction of the Heathcote Road Upgrade began in early 2022, it has been continuously monitoring the traffic along the road, including between Macarthur Drive and Infantry Parade during morning and afternoon peak hours. Results show traffic conditions remain the same as before construction started. However, we are looking at interim changes to improve the operation of the existing Infantry Parade traffic lights.

Transport will continue to undertake traffic modelling and monitor the performance of this intersection and its impact on traffic and the community. Our priority is to ensure it is operating safely and as efficiently as possible and will implement appropriate measures as needed.

How will the Heathcote Road Upgrade improve traffic congestion between Macarthur Drive and Infantry Parade?

The planned signalisation of the Macarthur Drive intersection and the expansion of the existing road from two lanes to four are expected to enhance traffic flow and reduce congestion for all road users during peak hours.

How are we maintaining the road surface?

We regularly check the roads to make sure there are no problems like potholes, surface wear, cracks or debris. If any issues are found, we fix them as soon as possible. We also make sure the road surface stays in good condition by repairing it when needed, so everyone can drive safely and comfortably.

What are we doing to manage safety?

We regularly check the site to ensure everything is safe and we plan the work carefully to avoid any risks to road users. We also make sure all workers on site prioritise safety and follow construction safety rules properly. As the project is delivered in stages, road users and pedestrians can use new road, bridges and safe detours while we complete the project.

Further information

We will continue to update the community on the Heathcote Upgrade as the project progresses.

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