

Bridge and road upgrades on Kidman Way south of Griffith

Frequently asked questions

What is being planned?

Transport for NSW is in the early investigation stages of a project on the Kidman Way, south of Griffith. The project is considering upgrade options for an irrigation bridge to make it stronger, safer and more sustainable while also looking at upgrading the Kidman Way intersections with North Kooba Settlers Road, Pellizzer Road, Waide Road and Marston Road to improve safety for transport customers.

Why are you considering a major upgrade of the bridge?

The irrigation bridge was built in 1973 and is owned by Murrumbidgee Irrigation. Transport carries out regular bridge inspections, which have indicated the bridge is in poor condition and will require significant works. Some early options do include a potential full bridge replacement.

What is involved in the intersection upgrades?

During early investigations for the bridge, Transport identified road safety and efficiency improvements could be included as part of this project.

These improvements may include adding turning lanes and realigning the road for better turning pathways for heavy vehicles. Any design will be finalised following feedback from the community.

What work is being planned on the side roads?

Transport's project proposes upgrades to the immediate connections with Kidman Way. While short sections of North Kooba Settlers, Pellizzer, Waide and Marston roads would be rebuilt as tie-ins to Kidman Way, these roads are local roads under the care and control of Griffith City Council and are not part of this project.

When is work expected to start?

This project is in the early investigation stages. Transport will share more information and start dates with the community when available.

What kind of traffic impacts are expected while the work is being carried out?

If the bridge is replaced, the new crossing would be built on a new offline alignment, minimising traffic impacts during construction. Most work would be carried out away from the flow of traffic, with short impacts when the roads are tied back into the current highway.

Transport is aware of the high heavy vehicle numbers and commuter links in this area and would actively plan to minimise impacts to transport customers.

Would there be detours in place during work?

No detours would be expected during this project, however short-term impacts may be needed depending on the upgrade option and if the roads need to be tied back into the current highway.

Would heavy vehicles be impacted?

No. Any proposed replacement bridge would be built on a new alignment, minimising traffic impacts during construction. Transport is aware of the high volume of heavy vehicles through this area and would take this into account when staging project delivery.

Would the proposal include upgrades for heavy vehicle movements?

Yes. Turning lanes between North Kooba Settlers Road and Kidman Way would be designed to safely accommodate large heavy vehicles.

Would a replacement bridge have a shared user pathway?

Early plans do not include a pedestrian or cyclist path over the irrigation channel, based on current lack of need. However, this may change depending on community feedback.

Would there be any impacts to Benerembah Channel?

No.

Is the bridge safe?

Yes, the bridge is safe and serviceable in its current condition in the short term. However, the proposed work is essential to ensure it continues to function as a key Kidman Way link.

How will you keep the community updated on this work?

Transport will keep the community updated on the project, traffic impacts and work hours through notification letters, social media posts, onsite electronic signage, website and via the media.

Is Transport planning a realignment at Willbriggie?

Transport is aware of calls from the community to realign Kidman Way at Willbriggie. Some early planning has been carried out, however, this project is currently unfunded.

How do we have our say or find out more?

For more information, contact the project team on 0427 148 158, nkb@transport.nsw.gov.au or mail PO Box 484 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650.

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