



Pacific Highway - Harrington Road Interchange

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An artists impression aerial view of the overpass bridge and upgrades

Submissions are invited on the concept design and environmental assessment for the Pacific Highway - Harrington Road Interchange.

The Australian and NSW governments are delivering an interchange with an overpass bridge that connects Harrington and Coopernook roads over the Pacific Highway to improve road safety, traffic flow and travel times for road users.

A concept design and Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been prepared for the upgrade to identify potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

The community and stakeholders are invited to provide feedback by **midnight, Sunday 10 March 2024.**



Improved traffic flow



Reduced risk and severity of crashes



A shared user path in place across the bridge

Background

Harrington and Coopernook roads intersect with the Pacific Highway to provide a local connection between the communities of Harrington and Coopernook. The two intersections currently require motorists to complete a right turn across two lanes of traffic travelling at 100 kilometres an hour on the Pacific Highway.

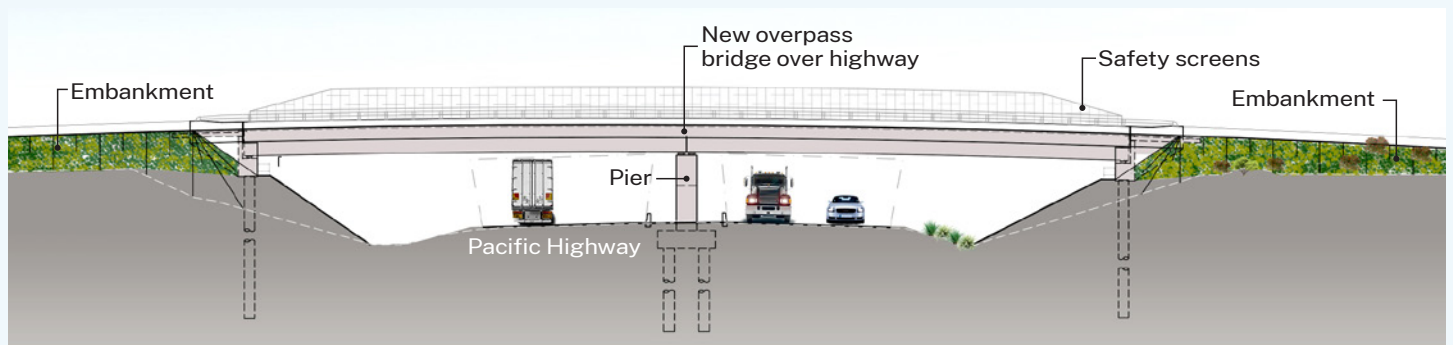
Between 2016 and 2022, there have been 10 recorded crashes in the project site area, including one fatality.

The proposed upgrade would improve road safety by removing the right hand turns on and off the highway,

while improving accessibility and connectivity between the towns of Harrington and Coopernook.

In October 2022, we sought feedback on the initial concept design with the majority of submissions supportive of the proposal. Thank you for your continued interest in the project and comments on the initial design.

A community consultation report addressing comments raised during the display of the initial concept design can be found online at nswroads.work/h2c.



Artist impression of cross section of Pacific Highway at proposed overpass bridge

The proposal

The proposed Pacific Highway -Harrington Road Interchange would include:

- An interchange with a bridge over the Pacific Highway
- A link road with a single lane in each direction connecting Coopernook Road and Harrington Road
- A connection with Coopernook Road via a single-lane roundabout (or appropriate intersection)
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- Raising Coopernook Road between the Pacific Highway and the proposed roundabout to maintain current flood immunity
- Adjustments to the Pacific Highway median to remove turning lanes, install wire rope and concrete barriers
- Utilising existing left-in/left-out connections to enter and exit the Pacific Highway
- A shared user path across the bridge
- Acceleration and deceleration lanes on the Pacific Highway to ensure safe entry and exit to and from the highway.

The final design will ensure the new intersections at Coopernook and Harrington roads can accommodate semi-trailers up to 19 metres long as well as trucks, caravans and trailers.

We are working with MidCoast Council to investigate the provision of a park and ride site on the Harrington side of the interchange.

Key benefits

The upgrade would:

- Improve road safety for all road users
- Improve accessibility and connectivity between Harrington and Coopernook
- Improve traffic flow for motorists and freight
- Remove the need for motorists to turn right across the highway
- Reduce the risk and severity of crashes.

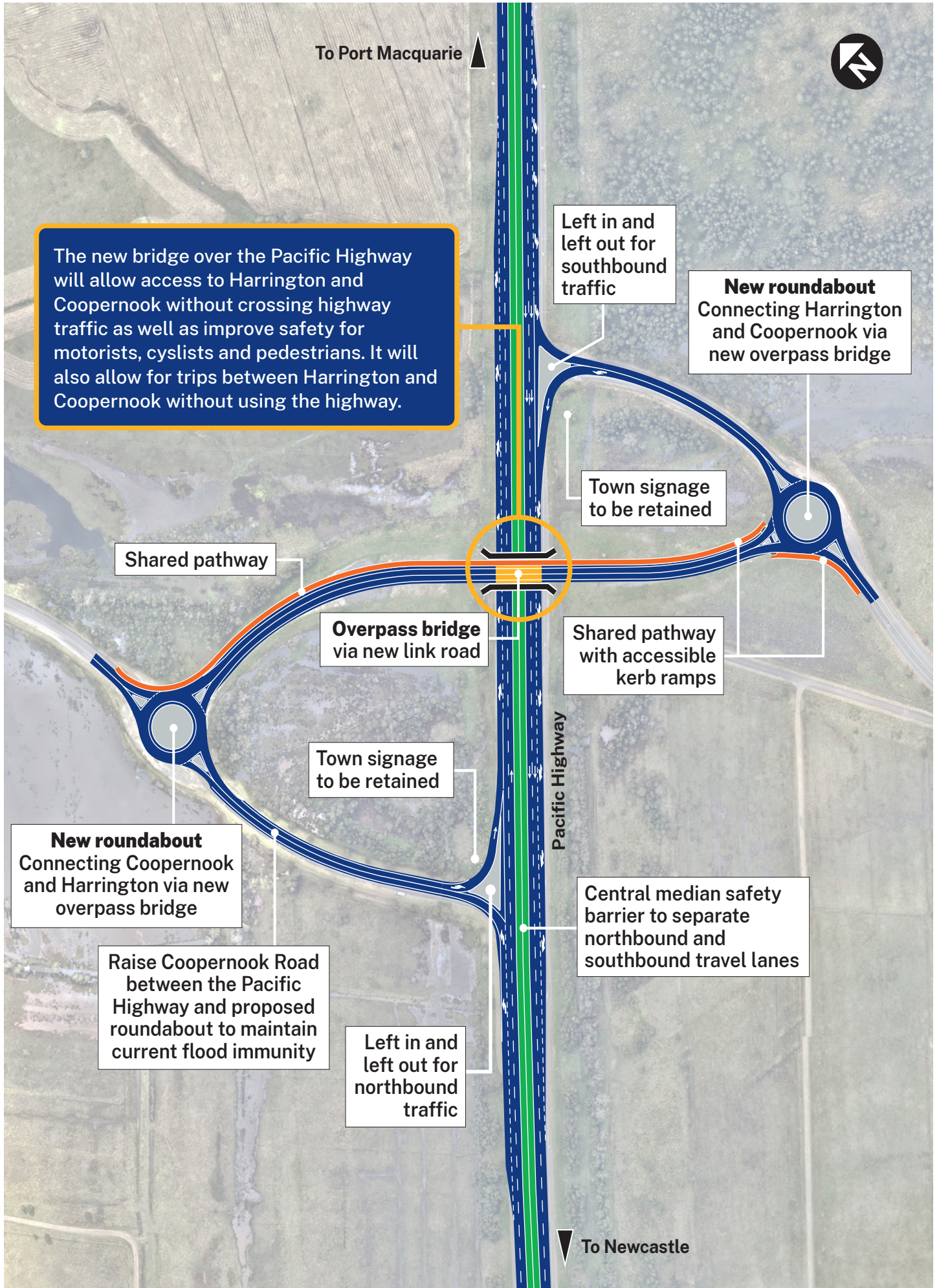
Environmental assessment

We have prepared a REF to determine the potential environmental and social impacts for the project and proposed mitigation measures for the upgrade. The REF is now available for community members and other stakeholders to review and submit their comments and questions.

Each submission we receive as part of this community engagement will be considered and responded to as we move into the next stage of planning. The REF explains the proposed construction methods, addressing how the work will be managed, including the proposed methods used to minimise environmental impacts on:

- The local community through traffic, access, noise and vibration
- Flora and fauna
- Soils and water quality
- Socio-economic
- Flooding
- Aboriginal heritage.

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View the REF

To view or download the REF, visit nswroads.work/h2c

Hard copies of the REF will be available at the following locations:

MidCoast Council Administration and Customer Service Centre

2 Biripi Way, Taree NSW 2430
Monday to Friday: 8.30am-4.30pm

Harrington Library

1/7 Caledonia Street, Harrington NSW 2427
Monday to Friday: 9am-1pm
Community access hours (access card required):
Monday to Friday 1-5pm, weekends and public holidays 8am-5pm.

Community drop-in sessions

If you would like to find out more about the proposed upgrade or have questions for our project team, join us at our upcoming community drop-in session at:

Harrington Function Centre

7 Caledonia Street
Harrington NSW 2427
Wednesday 28 February 9.30-11.30am



Have your say

We are inviting the community and stakeholders to comment on the concept design and REF.

You can provide your feedback by:

Email: Coopernook2Harrington@transport.nsw.gov.au

Mail: **Harrington Road Interchange Project Manager, Transport for NSW, PO Box 576, Grafton, NSW 2460.**

Submissions close on **midnight, Sunday 10 March 2024.**

Project progress

Timing subject to planning approvals and funding allocation.



Next steps


After the submission period closes, we will publish a report that includes responses to issues raised by the community.

We will consider all feedback received during the display period and continue to consult with the community and stakeholders as the project progresses.


Timing for construction of the upgrade has not been confirmed and is subject to project approval.


Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more information on the upgrade, please contact our project team:

 1800 296 906 (business hours)

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