#### **Transport for NSW**

# Have your say: Review of Environmental Factors

# Richmond Road upgrade from M7 to Townson Road, Marsden Park

November 2024







Peak hour traffic queueing along Richmond Road

The Australian and NSW Governments are funding the proposed Richmond Road upgrade between M7 Motorway and Townson Road, Marsden Park as part of North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy to support development in the fast-growing North West Growth Area.



#### Overview

As part of the planning process, we are inviting the community to comment on the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and supporting materials which are available for public comment until **Friday 20 December 2024**.

Each day, nearly 89,000 vehicles travel through the Richmond Road and Rooty Hill Road North intersection. Road users currently experience heavy congestion, slow travel times and delays travelling to their destination.

Transport's aim is to ease congestion and improve traffic flow by widening Richmond Road and upgrading the intersections.

The proposal supports future development and improves connectivity for the communities in the north-west, making it easier to move in and around the area.

To view the REF online, please visit our website at nswroads.work/richmondrd-m7-townsonrd

#### Key benefits of the project

- Ease congestion and improve the travel times for all road users
- · Improve traffic flow through the intersections
- Improve safety for all road users
- Improve connectivity for the communities in the north-west
- Improve freight movements between the M7 Motorway and key precincts
- Improve pedestrian safety with a new staged crossing making it easier for pedestrians and bike riders to move safety in and around the area.

# What is a staged pedestrian crossing?

Staged pedestrian crossings allow pedestrians to cross the road in two movements.

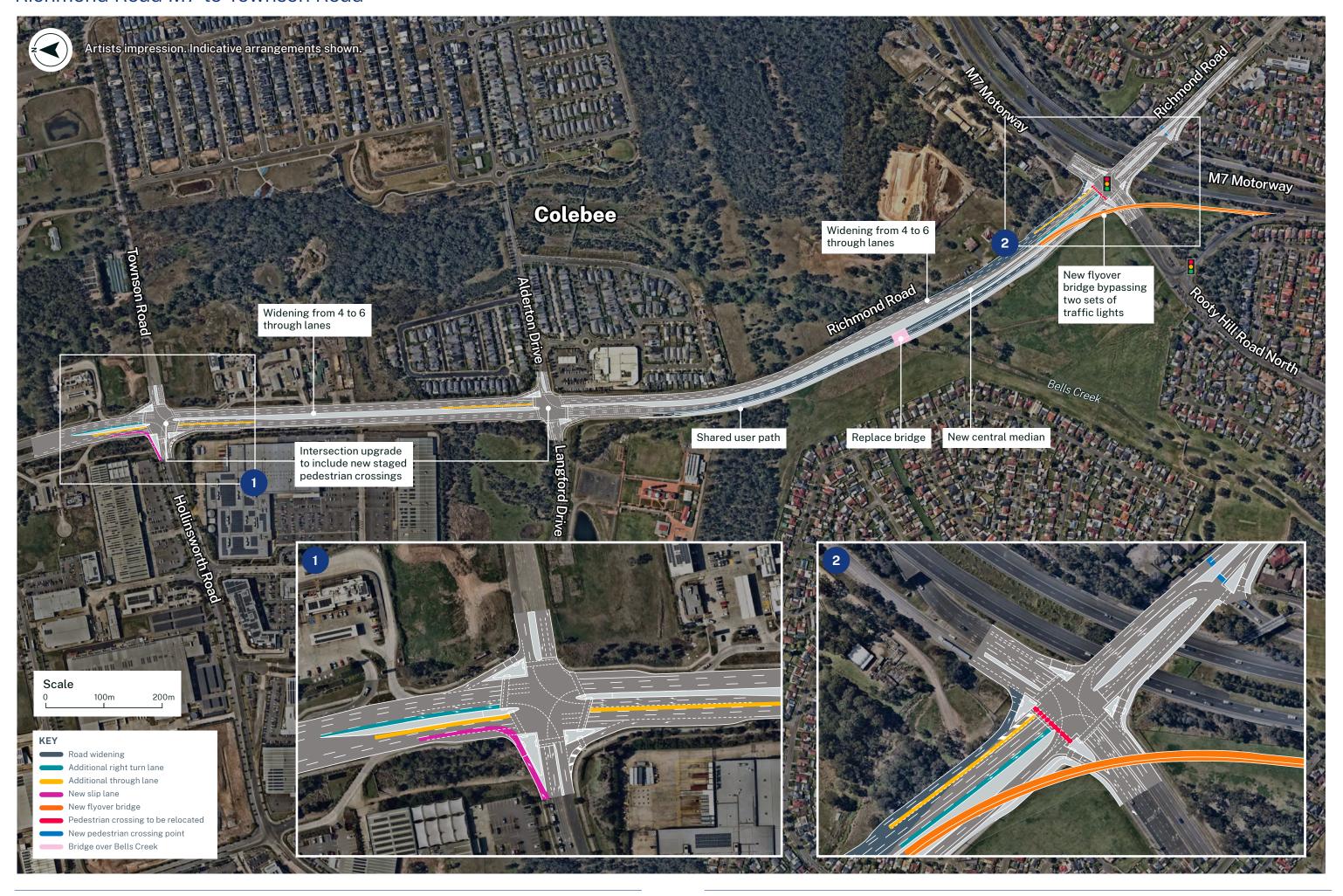
First, they cross one half of the road, then the other. This setup with a middle median allows traffic to continue moving on the other side while pedestrians are crossing.

Staged pedestrian crossings improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow by giving pedestrians more time to cross.

#### Proposed improvements

- Widening Richmond Road between the M7 Motorway and Townson Road, adding an additional lane in each direction
- Building a new flyover bridge from the M7 Motorway/Rooty Hill Road North off-ramp to Richmond Road northbound to allow road users to bypass two sets of traffic lights
- Reducing congestion and queueing onto the motorway from Rooty Hill Road North allowing uninterrupted flow of traffic
- Replacing the existing boardwalk with a new concrete bridge that will include a pedestrian and bike path and travel lanes over Bells Creek
- Continuing to prioritise public transport by maintaining the dedicated bus lanes at the intersections
- · Intersection upgrades including:
  - Richmond Road, Hollinsworth Road and Townson Road:
    - additional through lane along Richmond Road heading northbound (towards Richmond)
    - additional dedicated right turn lane from Richmond Road into Hollinsworth Road
    - new left turn slip lane from Hollinsworth Road onto Richmond Road
    - staged pedestrian crossings.
  - Richmond Road, Langford Drive and Alderton Drive:
    - additional through lane along Richmond Road heading northbound (towards Richmond)
    - additional through lane along Richmond Road heading southbound (towards Blacktown)
    - staged pedestrian crossings.
  - Richmond Road, Rooty Hill Road North and M7 ramps:
    - additional dedicated right turn lane from Richmond Road into Rooty Hill Road North
    - two dedicated lanes on Richmond Road heading onto the M7 Motorway
    - two dedicated through lanes on Richmond Road heading southbound (towards Blacktown)
    - relocating the existing pedestrian crossing across Richmond Road approximately 160m south.

### Richmond Road M7 to Townson Road









Pictured left to right: 1) Artists impression of new flyover bridge and shared path, 2) peak hour at Richmond Road and Rooty Hill Road North Intersection, 3) aerial photograph of Richmond Road, Langford Drive and Alderton Drive Intersection

#### Have your say

The community is invited to comment on the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and the concept design for the project. The REF and supporting materials are now on public exhibition until **Friday 20 December 2024**.

The REF outlines the key features of the proposal, the objectives and the environmental impact and how Transport proposes to manage the changes and the impact on the community and surrounding environment.

Documents can be viewed on the website at: nswroads.work/richmondrd-m7-townsonrd

#### Timing and funding

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure provided development funding via the Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC) program.

In May 2024, the Australian and NSW Governments committed to the full delivery funding for the project.

Transport is progressing with project planning approvals. We will provide more information about delivery timing and staging.

#### Project planning and potential impacts

A REF assesses the potential impacts of a project and to demonstrate compliance with the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and any other relevant state and national laws.

As part of the project planning process, Transport has carried out detailed site investigations to support the proposal and inform the REF.

These studies have examined ground conditions, heritage, local biodiversity, current road noise levels and traffic conditions.

These and other potential project impacts are discussed in detail in the REF.



# Talk to the project team

We are hosting two drop-in sessions to provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and seek further information.

There will be no formal presentation, so feel free to drop in any time at:

#### Greenway Village Shopping Centre

799 Richmond Road, Colebee NSW 2761

Thursday 5 December between 4pm and 8pm

#### Dean Park Neighbourhood Centre

9 Yarramundi Drive, Dean Park 2761

### Saturday 14 December between 10am and 4pm

If you are unable to attend, you may submit your comments or feedback by phone or email:

richmondroadupgrade@transport.nsw.gov.au

T: 1300 367 561

Scan to visit the project website:





# Next steps



**Preliminary site investigations** 

Early design

Community comments on Early design

**Community consultation report** 



Community comments on concept design and Review of Environmental Factors

**Submissions report** 

**Project determination** 

**Detailed design** 

Start of construction

The display of the REF gives the community an opportunity to provide comments or raise concerns on the proposal.

At the end of the REF display period, a submissions report which provides a summary of comments received on the project, and our responses will be published on the Transport for NSW website.

We will notify the community once the submissions report is available to view. You can access information on the project through the Transport for NSW website, community updates and the project phone number and email provided below.

### Other projects nearby

### Richmond Road Upgrade between Elara Boulevard and Heritage Road, Marsden Park

Transport for NSW prepared a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the Richmond Road Upgrade between Elara Boulevard and Heritage Road and asked the community and stakeholders for their feedback.

We have considered all feedback received from the community and prepared a Submissions Report to respond to the issues raised. The report is now available at:

transport.nsw.gov.au/richmond-road-elara

## **Bandon Road Corridor Upgrade and Extension project update**

The Australian Government has committed an additional \$75 million to the NSW Government's \$75 million to progress the planning of the new Bandon Road Corridor Upgrade and Extension project at Vineyard. This funding will progress the concept design and the REF.

The project provides a new underpass of the rail line and an additional road connection between Richmond Road, Marsden Park and Windsor Road, Vineyard providing alternative access across the North West Growth Area and reducing traffic congestion in Riverstone.

Visit the project website at: nswroads.work/bandonrd

#### Contact us



Project Infoline 1300 367 561



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