

Speers Point transport improvements

Project update | Have your say

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Speers Point roundabout looking north onto TC Frith Ave

The NSW Government is investing \$11 million towards upgrades to the Speers Point transport network to reduce travel times, improve safety, cut congestion and provide smoother journeys for all road users.

Background

Speers Point roundabout at the intersection of Five Islands Road, TC Frith Avenue and The Esplanade is a local bottleneck, with motorists experiencing congestion and slow travel times during peak periods.

Predicted growth of around 12,000 residents and 6000 jobs in the North-West Lake Macquarie area over the next 20 years will put further pressure on the local transport network.

The NSW Government has announced \$11 million to help improve transport movements at and around this key intersection, which includes improvements to the surrounding network.

Proposed safety and efficiency improvements





Speers Point roundabout looking east from Creek Reserve Road

Project benefits

The project would:

- Improve safety for all users (motorists, cyclists and pedestrians)
- Improve traffic flow at key intersections during peak travel periods
- Provide safer cycling and pedestrian connections, particularly around intersections and public spaces
- Improve access and connectivity to public transport, helping reduce reliance of motor vehicles.

Developing potential solutions

We are developing a range of improvements that would improve network efficiency, reduce congestion, and increase safety for motorists in the area. There are many things we can consider, but we will look to deliver a project that will fit within the \$11 million budget.

We will also seek to improve walking and cycling connections as well as public transport facilities as part of the project, to help support a shift to more sustainable modes of transport.

Proposed safety and efficiency improvements


A key focus of the upgrade will be improving the performance of the roundabout at Five Islands Road, TC Frith Avenue and The Esplanade. The proposed upgrade would see the following changes to the roundabout to help improve traffic flow:

Traffic lane changes on Five Islands Road, to a northbound slip lane through the roundabout and dedicated right turn lane


- Increase capacity on TC Frith Avenue by including a dedicated left turn lane
- Restrict movements into and out of Creek Reserve Road (these movements will be safely catered for at other intersections).

Several additional upgrades to improve traffic flow and network connectivity have been identified across the project area:

- Increase capacity on TC Frith Avenue to two lanes in each direction between the roundabout to around 100 metres north of the Seventh Street intersection
- Upgrade the TC Frith Avenue and Seventh Street intersection to a signalised intersection to improve pedestrian connectivity and local access
- New shared path between Creek Reserve Road and Seventh Street to provide safer cyclist and pedestrian connections
- Investigate right turn bays at Second and Fourth Street and a pedestrian refuge at Third Street, to improve access to the surrounding local network
- Investigate additional opportunities to improve connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists to popular recreational areas adjacent the roundabout
- Investigate new bus stops.



Intersection improvements



Improve traffic flow and journey time reliability

Community consultation

We are inviting the community to provide feedback on the proposed safety and efficiency improvements in the project area. This feedback will be used to help further refine the design for the project to deliver the outcomes that the community are seeking.

Your feedback will help us ensure we deliver a value for money outcome for the community.

Have your say by:

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Submissions close midnight Sunday 23 June 2024.



Your feedback will help us to understand what is important to you and to deliver the best outcome for the community

Next steps

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

You may notice Transport staff and contractors on site over the coming months to identify utilities, geotechnical and environmental constraints, traffic data collection and other investigations to inform the strategic design.

Transport will continue to liaise with the community and key stakeholders, including Lake Macquarie City Council, as the project progresses.

Improvements will be prioritised in line with available funding.

Timing for construction is not yet confirmed and would be dependent on planning approvals.

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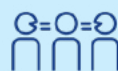
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