

# Mount Ousley interchange

## Project update

March 2024



**We are building a \$390 million interchange on the M1 Princes Motorway at the base of Mount Ousley that will improve connectivity, safety and efficiency for those travelling through the gateway to Wollongong.**

Early work is under way including survey, vegetation removal, pavement and geotechnical investigations to inform the project's detailed design.

Work is also progressing on the project's Urban Design and Landscape Strategy Report, which will be ready for public display in the coming months. During this public display period, we will be hosting information sessions and pop-up stalls to provide you with more information about the project, seek your feedback and introduce the team.

### Design refinements

During 2023, the project team made refinements to the scope and design to achieve a value for money solution which delivers core project objectives. These refinements can be seen in the project overview map shown on the next page.

Key changes from the concept design include:

- Removing the pedestrian bridge over Mount Ousley Road and providing enhanced at grade cycle and pedestrian connections along and across Mount Ousley Road which are being developed as part of detailed design
- Replacing the eastern roundabout with signalised intersections to improve traffic efficiency
- Adjusting drainage and the road alignment to optimise the project's design and reduce construction impacts including interactions with road users.

### In this update

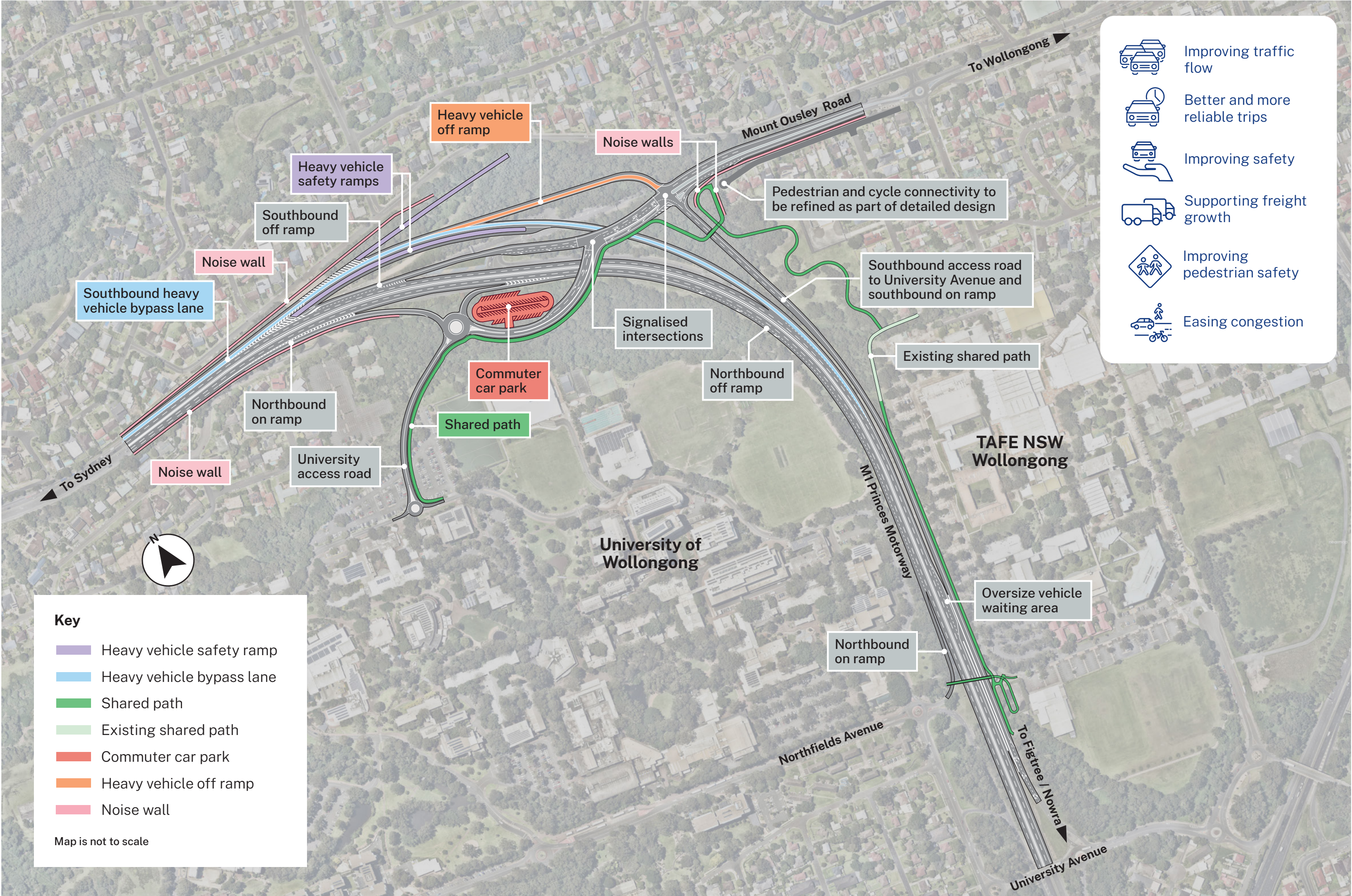
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### Project features

- A heavy vehicle only bypass lane for southbound travel, separating cars and heavy vehicles
- Two heavy vehicle safety ramps
- A commuter car park
- Upgrades and widening of the existing pedestrian bridge over the motorway at Northfields Avenue
- Signalised intersections and bridges over the motorway providing a northbound access to the Princes Motorway and improved access between Mount Ousley Road, the Princes Motorway and University of Wollongong
- A roundabout that provides access to the Princes Motorway and the University access road
- A southbound access road between Mount Ousley Road and University Avenue
- Improved pedestrian and cycle connectivity
- Five metre noise walls along the northern side of the motorway and the southern side of Dumfries Avenue; and along the southern side of the motorway and northern side of Falder Place
- Three and a half metre noise walls along the southern side of Mount Ousley Road, between Gowan Brae Avenue and the cul-de-sac at the western end.



# Mount Ousley interchange – Project overview map





## What's happening now

- Removing vegetation for early work activities
- Survey, pavement and geotechnical investigations to inform the project's detailed design
- Further utility relocation work
- Establishing storage areas and site compounds.

Generally, work will take place during the day, Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm, and Saturday between 8am and 1pm, weather permitting.

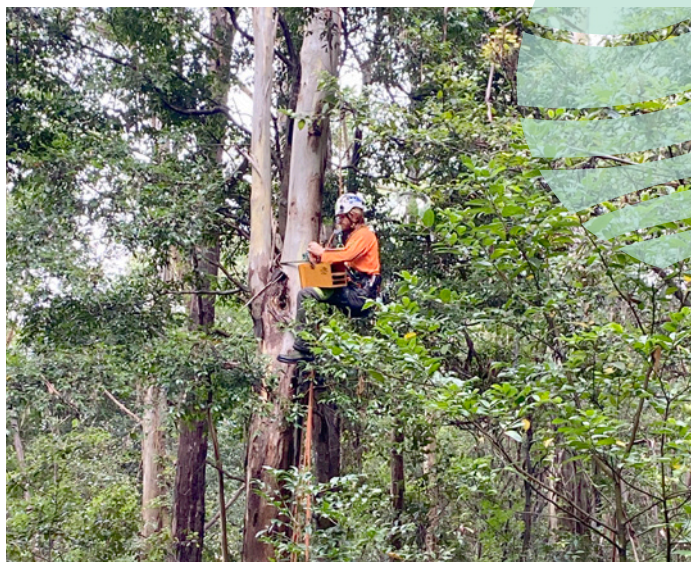
When working near live traffic, we will sometimes need to work at night to maintain safety and traffic flow. This will include lane closures and full carriageway closures of the M1 Princes Motorway and Mount Ousley Road. If night work and traffic changes are required, nearby residents and road users will be notified in advance.

We understand that delivering infrastructure projects does not occur without impacts and we will be working closely with nearby residents, businesses and road users to keep you informed during construction.

## Pedestrian and cycle connectivity during construction

During construction, there will be some intermittent and short-term closures while work is carried out near the existing shared path adjacent to TAFE NSW Wollongong. During this work, detours will be in place to safely separate shared path users and the work area.

We will also be extending the pedestrian bridge over the M1 Princes Motorway at Northfields Avenue. During this work, a temporary closure of the pedestrian bridge will be required. A detour will be in place via University Avenue overpass. The project is investigating opportunities to minimise the impact of this closure.



A nest box being installed for the Mount Ousley interchange project

## Next steps

**January 2024 - late 2024**

Detailed design

**February 2024 - late 2024**

Early work

**Early 2024**

Urban Design and Landscape Strategy Report display

**Late 2024 - 2028**

Construction

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