



Pacific Highway improvements at Hexham (Hexham Straight Widening)

Project update – December 2024 to February 2025

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Transport for NSW acknowledges the Awabakal people of the Awabakal Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

The Australian and NSW Governments are investing in the upgrade of the section of Maitland Road known as Hexham Straight, between Newcastle Inner City Bypass and Hexham Bridge, to improve safety and traffic flow for the 50,000 motorists who use this road every day.

Transport for NSW has formed an Alliance with Georgiou, Daracon and SMEC to design and build the project. Major construction has begun, and the project is expected to be open to traffic in 2026.

What we've been doing

Works underway or completed over the past three months:

- Completed the southbound bridge over Ironbark Creek
- Continued median and shoulder widening on Maitland Road between Sandgate Cemetery and the Oak Precinct
- Continued relocation of utility services, including water, electrical, telecommunications and work on the traffic control signals.

What's happening

In the next three months work activities will include:

- Removal of the old bridge over Ironbark Creek and commencement of piling for the new northbound bridge
- Ongoing relocation of utility services and work on the traffic control signals
- Permanent closure of the right-hand turn into Ash Island
- Ongoing work in the median and shoulder widening on Maitland Road.

When and where we'll be working

The work will occur along the length of the project from the Newcastle Inner City Bypass to the Oak Precinct.

Day work will be carried out **Monday to Friday** between **7am and 6pm** and **Saturday** from **8am to 1pm**. Night work will be carried out from **Sunday to Thursday** between **6pm and 7am**.

What will this mean for you?

During night work there may be temporary lane closures. During lane closures, intermittent stop/slow traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 40km/h will be in place in the work zones.

A temporary 60km/h reduced speed limit will remain in place through the work zone for the safety of motorists and workers.

Managing our impacts

There will be machinery and other plant and equipment working in different areas throughout the project. The machinery and equipment generate light, noise and vibration. We will make every effort to minimise these impacts by:

- Monitoring noise to manage any potential impacts and adjust our work, where possible
- Keeping residents informed about night work near their property
- Turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use and using non-tonal reversing alarms
- Adjusting the positioning of machines and directing temporary lighting down and away from homes during night work.



Aboriginal Naming of Ironbark Creek (Toohrnbing)

Since June 2001, the government has supported a dual naming policy for geographical features and cultural sites. The policy aims to give prominence to Aboriginal place names alongside European counterparts.

The project has erected new signage for Ironbark Creek. There is dual naming of Ironbark Creek (Toohrnbing), which was derived from a successful application in 2016 by the Guraki Aboriginal Advisory Committee. For more information visit newcastle.nsw.gov.au/explore/history-and-heritage/aboriginal-culture.



View looking south from Hexham Bridge

Christmas Shutdown

No work will be carried out during the Christmas holiday period between Friday 20 December 2024 and Friday 3 January 2025. Standby crews will be available during this time and site security, including surveillance cameras, will be in place. The Alliance wishes you a safe and happy holiday.



View looking at Ironbark Creek bridge



View looking north from the Newcastle Inner City Bypass

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