

Avoca Drive upgrade, Kincumber

Project Update

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Transport for NSW acknowledges 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 \$130 million towards upgrades to Avoca Drive, Kincumber, between Boora Boora Road and Joalah Road. The proposed upgrade will improve traffic flow, travel times and safety for all road users as well as provide for future improvements to the public transport network.



Avoca Drive upgrade at Kincumber, looking east towards the roundabout.

A Community Consultation Report has been published.

Last year, Transport for NSW prepared a community update to display several options and recommendations to improve safety and efficiency along Avoca Drive through the Kincumber town centre.

Between Monday 29 July and Sunday 25 August 2024, community members were invited to

provide comment on the strategic design options via online survey, email and mail.

We received 337 submissions in response to the proposal. Of these responses 290 were submitted via the online survey tool.

A consultation report has been prepared, summarising the feedback received. The report has been published and is now available to view on our project webpage:

www.transport.nsw.gov.au/avocadr



Improved
traffic flow



Improved
safety



Improved
access to public
transport



Improved
pedestrian
and cyclist
connections

Background

Avoca Drive is a key east-west road on the Central Coast that provides critical links between southern coastal suburbs, Terrigal Drive and to the M1 Motorway and rail line via the Central Coast Highway.

Avoca Drive through the township of Kincumber is used by an average of about 26,000 vehicles a day, with heavy vehicles accounting for around six per cent of daily traffic. During peak travel times motorists experience congestion and slow travel times on Avoca Drive, particularly around the intersection of Bungoona and Carrak Roads, which provides access to Kincumber Shopping Centre, food outlets and adjacent businesses.

With increasing population and employment in the region, traffic volumes are predicted to increase over the next 30 years, leading to further reductions in traffic performance.

The proposal

Key features of the overall design displayed for comment included:

- providing two lanes in each direction on Avoca Drive between Boora Boora Road and Joalah Road
- alternate options for replacing the existing roundabout at the Bungoona Road / Carrak Road intersection with traffic signals and other changes
- intersection safety and efficiency improvements
- provision of a new local roundabout at the intersection of Bungoona Road and Kincumber Street for the provision of improved accessibility both during and after construction of the project
- removing mid-block pedestrian signals and crossings along Avoca Drive, with pedestrian crossings to be included at all new signalised intersections
- removing on street parking along Avoca Drive to allow for road widening
- upgrading active transport connections, including provision of an on-road and off-road shared pathways along Avoca Drive
- upgraded bus stop facilities.

It is important to note that not all of the above proposed upgrades would be delivered as part of the priority first stage of the project and are potentially subject to change as development of the project progresses.

Design options



Avoca Drive looking west at intersection of Bungoona and Carrak roads.

The community were encouraged to provide feedback on two design options to upgrade the intersection of Bungoona Road and Carrak Road, which is seen as a key constraint along Avoca Drive. These design options included:

- Option A: Split traffic signals at Bungoona Road / Carrak Road and Willesee Crescent intersection
- Option B: Traffic signals at Bungoona Road / Carrak Road.

Feedback received via the survey in response to the two design options showed 85 per cent support for Option B, which would provide one set of traffic signals at the Bungoona Road and Carrak Road intersection.

Key issues raised

Each submission has been examined individually to understand the issues being raised. A detailed summary of the key issues and corresponding responses can be found in section 4 of the consultation report which is available to view on our project webpage:

www.transport.nsw.gov.au/avocadr

Key issues raised related to:

- the design
- network and operational impacts
- environmental issues
- general project feedback.

Overall, the feedback received from the community in response to the proposal to upgrade Avoca Drive was generally positive and has been used to provide a recommended way forward for the project.

4,416 unique visitors
and **6,068** page views
on the project webpage



Letter box drops to
5,578 properties

Two community
drop-in sessions
attended by around **100** people



Reached almost
90,000 people
on social media

We've listened to your feedback

We would like to thank everyone who provided feedback in response to our proposal.

Following assessment and consideration of the feedback received, Transport has confirmed the following:

Town Centre:

- Survey results showed strong support for Option B over Option A.
- Option B will be developed as the recommended Bungoona / Carrak roads intersection upgrade.

The design of Option B will be further refined throughout the concept design and environmental assessment stage of the project.

East of Town Centre:

- Feedback received on the proposed Tilba Street / Gunya Road intersection and the Davies Street intersection raised issues both for and against the proposed design.
- The proposed design, as displayed, being traffic signals at the Tilba Street / Gunya Road intersection and the left in / left out arrangements at Davies Street will be developed as the recommended arrangements east of town.

West of Town Centre:

- Transport acknowledges concerns raised about changes to the intersections west of the town centre, particularly in relation to accessibility for the local community.
- Transport will carry out further investigations and consider other potential treatment options west of the town centre.

Next steps

The next step for the project is preparation of the concept design and environmental assessment (Review of Environmental Factors – REF). Feedback received as outlined in the consultation report will continue to be considered as the project progresses.

Transport has awarded a contract to AECOM to develop the concept design and REF. Further investigations and consultation with key stakeholders will be carried out to help inform and refine the concept design.

You may notice Transport staff and contractors on site in the coming months as we carry out investigations to inform the concept design and environmental assessment.

The concept design and environmental assessment is expected to be displayed for feedback in 2026.

Timing for construction is not yet confirmed and will be dependent on planning approval.

We will continue to keep the community updated as planning for the project progresses.

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