



# Goonoo Goonoo Road upgrade Project Update – Preferred option

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Transport for NSW acknowledges the Kamilaroi people of the Kamilaroi 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 a combined \$58.4 million to upgrade Goonoo Goonoo Road (New England Highway) between Jack Smyth Drive and Calala Lane.

The upgrade will increase capacity, improve safety and traffic flow, support planned development and facilitate both local access and regional connectivity.

Goonoo Goonoo Road is an important part of the Tamworth road network, facilitating movement of local residents and freight, and providing a vital link between the regional city of Tamworth and surrounding towns and villages.

A preferred option for the priority first stage has been identified as the northern section and is available at [nswroads.work/ggroad](https://nswroads.work/ggroad).

## Current status of the project

After the Review of Environmental Factors display of the full scope option in November 2021, Tamworth Regional Council approved a Development Application for a private developer to complete Craigends Lane roundabout upgrades. As such, the Craigends Lane intersection no longer forms part of Transport's project.

We have been continuing to investigate potential staged options for the Goonoo Goonoo Road upgrade and work closely with Tamworth Regional Council to ensure the project aligns with current and future traffic growth.

Northern and southern options were assessed, both tying into the proposed developer roundabout at Craigends Lane.

The northern option - between Craigends Lane and Calala Lane - was identified as the priority stage to upgrade first, having larger traffic volumes than the southern section.

Key features of the northern upgrade proposal (see image on page 3) includes an upgrade to Calala Lane intersection which will involve:

- replacing the existing roundabout with traffic signals
- providing one dedicated right turn lane and one shared right / left turn lane from Calala Lane
- providing for controlled pedestrian movements with pedestrian signal phasing on all intersections legs of Calala Lane
- providing separate left and right turn lanes for traffic on Goonoo Goonoo Road turning into Calala Lane
- road widening and pavement reconstruction to provide two lanes each way with a central median and an eastern footpath from Craigends Lane to Calala Lane.

## What work has been completed

Project milestones completed to date include:

- November 2021 – Display of REF and Concept Design for community consultation
- April 2022 – REF Determination



- June 2022 – Community consultation Submissions Report published
- January 2023 - Early work completed which involved building a new footpath on the north-western part of the project
- May 2024 - NSW and Federal Government Budget announced total funding of \$58.4 million
- September 2024 - Additional funding was released to further investigate options to identify a preferred scope that meets available funding.

## What's next?

Transport will continue to work with Tamworth Regional Council and the developer as we work on the design of the priority upgrade of the northern section.

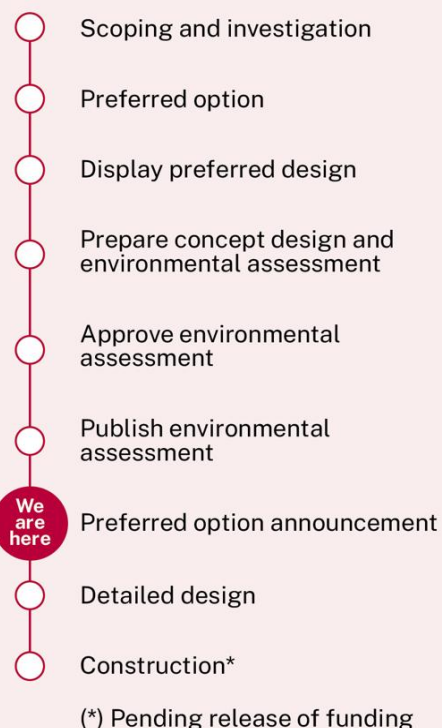
Upcoming work will include investigations for utility design and relocation, develop a detailed design for construction, followed by procurement of a contractor to build the upgrade.

The community will be informed as each stage of planning work progresses, including the opportunity to comment on the proposed design.



*Looking north towards Calala Lane*

## Project process





Preferred northern option - Goonoo Goonoo Road and New England Highway between Jack Smyth Drive and Calala Lane



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