



# Newcastle Future Transit Corridor Frequently Asked Questions

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Transport for NSW acknowledges the Awabakal people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands where this project is located and pays respect to Elders past and present.

This information provides answers to frequently asked questions about the Newcastle Future Transit Corridor (NFTC).

### What is a future transit corridor?

Corridors are lengths, strips or zones of land that become 'protected', to safeguard for future transport infrastructure. This means we can build roads, rail lines and other necessary transport infrastructure in the future, as NSW develops.

Planning for transport corridors is a process that identifies land for infrastructure in the future, and when it is needed. Technical investigations are undertaken to determine the suitability of the land and to also assess for impacts to adjoining land uses.

### Why is corridor protection important?

To support the growing population, it is imperative that we act now, to protect corridors of land for future transport infrastructure.

Corridor protection ensures there is planning for the transport needs of growing communities, businesses, and industries - who all rely on different types of transport modes. Identifying land now allows for land use planning and development to proceed with certainty and ensures good transport links are planned to keep our communities and industries connected.

Without corridor protection, the cost of providing infrastructure has been calculated to be tens of billions of dollars greater in today's dollars.

### What is the Newcastle Future Transit Corridor, known as the NFTC?

The Newcastle Future Transit Corridor (NFTC) is a proposed future transport corridor between the Newcastle Interchange and Broadmeadow.

In July 2023, the NSW Government directed Transport to progress with planning of a future transport corridor.

Protection of a corridor to support the growth of public transport in Greater Newcastle is vital to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure when and where it is required.

### Where is the NFTC?

After extensive investigations, Transport has confirmed the location of the corridor between Newcastle West, where the Newcastle Interchange is located, and the Broadmeadow precinct, via Tudor Street.

It would connect the central business district of Newcastle with the Broadmeadow Precinct. The corridor will enable infrastructure for future multi-modal transport options, meaning that all modes of transport may use the corridor.

### Why is there a need for the NFTC?

Strategies and plans have been developed for the Hunter and Greater Newcastle regions. The Hunter Regional Plan 2041 identified

Broadmeadow as a "regionally significant growth area". Located three kilometres west of the Newcastle central business district (CBD), the Broadmeadow precinct will become a stepping stone to other key destinations areas across Newcastle city such as the university, hospital and key event centres. It will also support a projected population growth of up to 40,000 with an estimated 20,000 new homes and 15,000 jobs.

The Greater Newcastle Future Metropolitan Plan 2036 provides the overarching strategic transport network and vision that will guide future transport planning for the Greater Newcastle area. This includes planning for a future multi-modal corridor between Broadmeadow and the city centre to ensure protection against development-preventing access in the future. This will see Broadmeadow as a central location for improving connectivity between people and place.

The Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan was open for feedback between 16 December 2024 and 28 February 2025. More information about the plan can be viewed here: <https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/sritp/hunter>

### Why does the preferred corridor stop at Broadmeadow and not extend to John Hunter Hospital?

As a strategic centre, Broadmeadow will service the Hunter region with high density commercial and residential housing. Hamilton will include a shopping and eating district.

Broadmeadow will become a transport hub connecting to other key local destinations such as the John Hunter Hospital and Newcastle University. This will be further investigated as part of a whole of government decision making process for the Broadmeadow Catalyst area.

### Have connections to other key services, such as the airport and university been considered?

Yes. A list of 21 corridor design options were assessed against key Transport for NSW principles to score and compare the different options. Identified options included a possible transport extension beyond Broadmeadow to the John Hunter Hospital or other major destinations such as the Newcastle University, Newcastle

McDonald Jones Football Stadium, Newcastle Entertainment Centre, Newcastle Showground, Newcastle Basketball and Hockey Clubs and Newcastle Racecourse.

### What transport modes is the corridor intended for?

Identification of the preferred future transit corridor will offer multi-modal options. Including safe and convenient paths for walking and riding bikes. Transport for NSW will work with other government agencies, including Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI), to seek further funding to assess, develop and deliver public transport improvements in Newcastle.

### Will land acquisition be required?

Property acquisition will be minimal, as most of the corridor footprint follows the existing road width. Some property has already been acquired. Other property acquisition for the Newcastle Future Transit corridor is subject a Transport for NSW business case. Affected property owners will be contacted individually.

### How will the NFTC be protected?

There are two sections of corridor. Section one, closest to the Newcastle Interchange, will be protected by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) and is known as the Newcastle Future Infrastructure Corridor. Transport for NSW will exhibit the identified corridor for public comment.

Please see the map at the end of this FAQ.

DPHI and Transport will exhibit their plans together at the same location during February 2025.

### Will we be able to have our say on the NFTC and potential public transport options?

DPHI and Transport for NSW will exhibit their NFTC plans in March 2025 for public comment. This forms part of the formal corridor protection process. More information and additional feedback options can be found at the [here](#)