

Mandalong Road upgrade Morisset

Project update | Review of Environmental Factors now published

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The intersection at Mandalong Road and Freemans Drive

A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been prepared and published for the Mandalong Road upgrade to identify potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

The Australian and NSW governments are investing \$76 million towards upgrades to Mandalong Road and Dora Street between Gimberts Road and Ourimbah Street, Morisset.

During peak periods, motorists experience congestion and slow travel times on Mandalong Road. Planned residential, business and tourism growth across Morisset and its surrounds will put further pressure on the road network.

Transport for NSW (Transport) has investigated upgrade options along this section to improve traffic flow and safety for all users, while helping meet the future needs of an increased population and employment in the Morisset area.

A preferred design was developed and placed on display for feedback between June and August 2024, receiving 202 responses via the online survey and email. More than 80 per cent of respondents that provided feedback via the online survey showed support for the preferred upgrade.

Transport for NSW acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which the project is being built and pay our respect to Elders past and present.

The project

Key features of the project include:

- upgrading the Mandalong Road/Freemans Drive/ Dora Street/Wyee Road intersection, including:
 - replacing the existing roundabout with new traffic lights
 - providing additional through and turning lanes on all approaches of the intersection
 - providing a central raised median on all approaches of the intersection
- providing active transport connections, including:
 - a shared user path along the length of the project on Mandalong Road and Dora Street
 - a shared user path on the eastern side of Wyee Road
 - a footpath on the north-eastern corner of Dora Street and Freemans Drive
- providing two new bus stop facilities on Dora Street.

Following the public display of Transport’s preferred design, Lake Macquarie City Council approved a Development Application conditioning a private

developer to complete the Gimberts Road / Gateway Boulevard roundabout upgrades. As such, the Gimberts Road / Gateway Boulevard intersection no longer forms part of Transport’s project.

Environmental assessment

We have prepared a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) to determine the potential environmental and social impacts for the project and proposed mitigation measures for the upgrade.

The REF explains the proposed construction methods, addressing how the work will be managed, including the proposed methods used to minimise environmental impacts on:

- biodiversity
- traffic and transport
- noise and vibration
- socio-economic
- dust and air quality
- soil and water quality

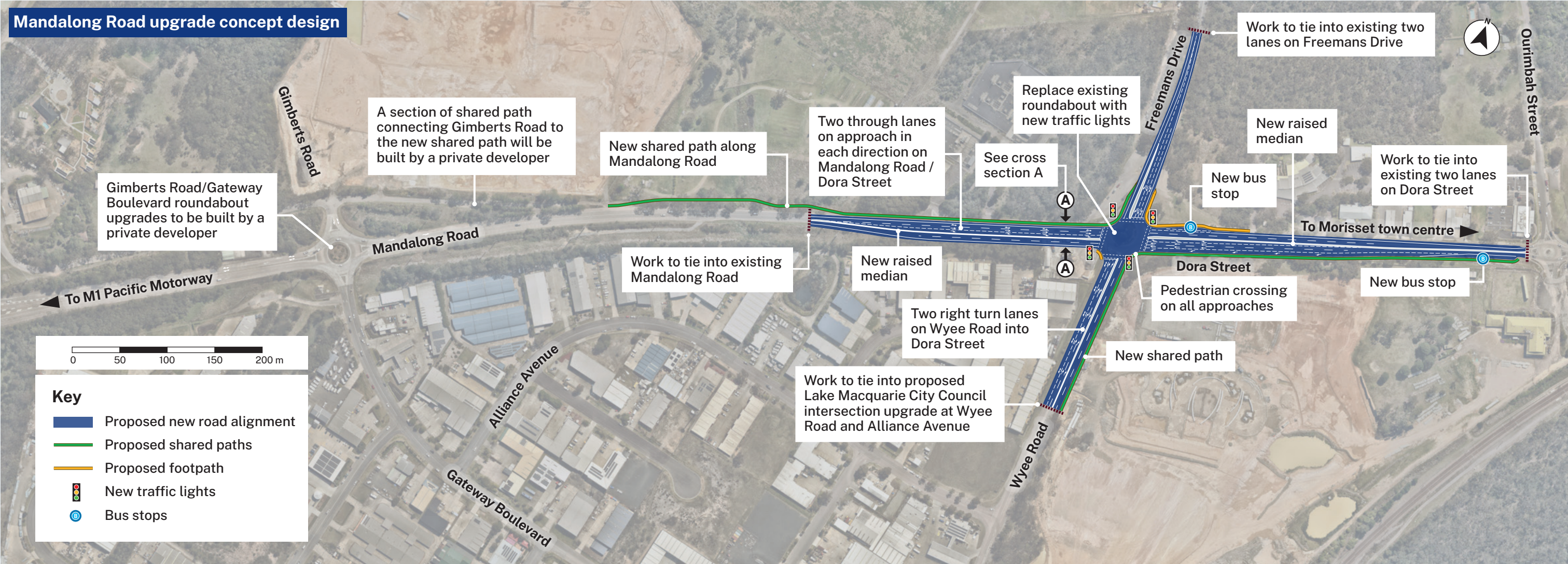
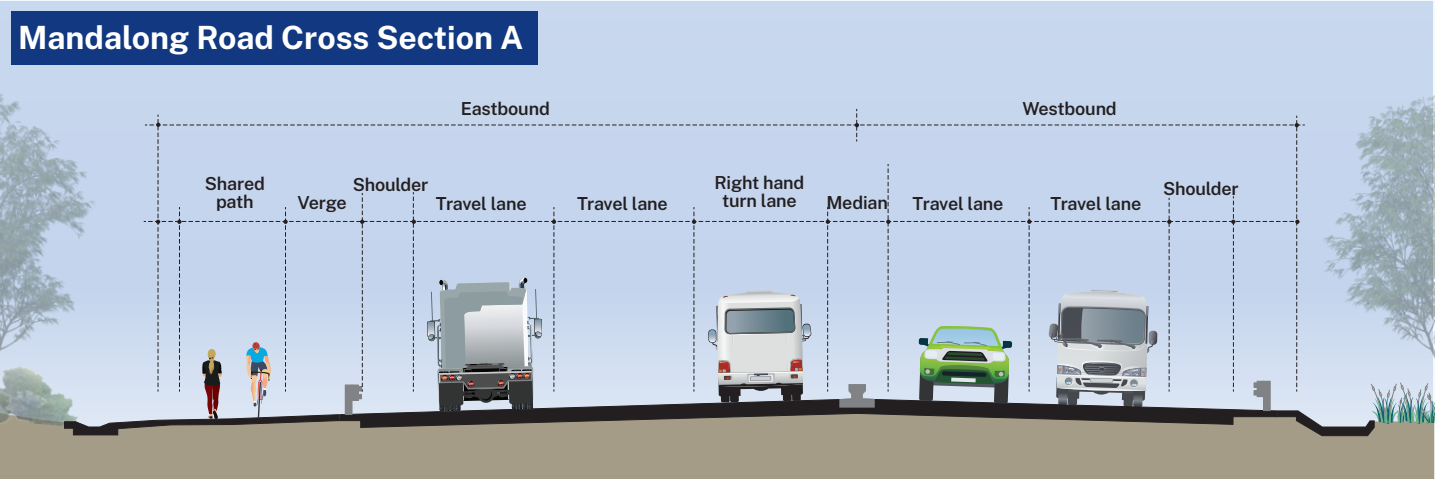
- socio-economic
- flooding
- property
- Aboriginal heritage.

Transport has finalised and published the REF following a review of feedback received during the preferred design display. Key stakeholders and the community showed strong support for the proposal and no significant concerns were raised during the consultation. A copy of the REF can be viewed on the project webpage at transport.nsw.gov.au/mandalongrd

Project benefits

The proposed upgrade would:

- improve safety for all road users, including cyclists and pedestrians
- improve current and future traffic flows
- provide more reliable travel times for motorists
- improve cycling and pedestrian access, increasing active transport connectivity
- support residential, retail, industrial and commercial growth.



Project process



(*) Pending release of funding

Next steps



Transport is progressing procurement of the detailed design for the project.

Major construction procurement would follow detailed design.

Subject to project approvals and release of funding, construction is expected to start in 2026.



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