

Frequently asked questions

Marshalls Creek Bridge replacement

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

The NSW Government is investing \$30 million to widen the Sturt Highway to four lanes over Marshalls Creek. The upgrade will improve safety and ease congestion through Wagga Wagga.

Why are you widening the bridge?

Marshalls Creek Bridge is an existing two-way, two-lane access route for vehicles travelling on the Sturt Highway in Wagga Wagga. The bridge limits traffic flow, forcing vehicles to slow down through this section of the highway.

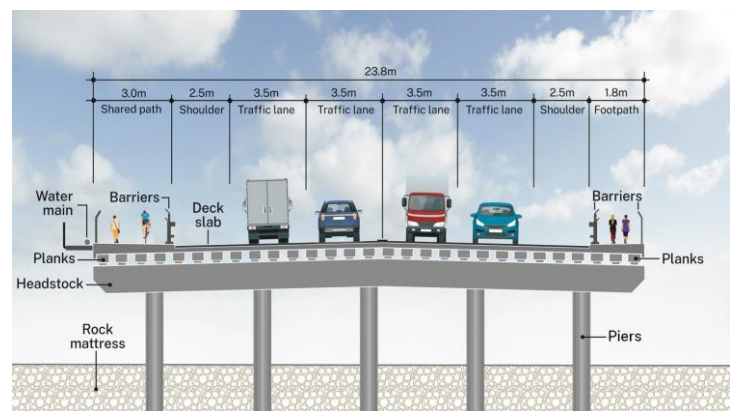
Transport for NSW is replacing the crossing with a wider, longer bridge to ease congestion and improve safety in the area. The Marshalls Creek Bridge replacement will:

- improve safety for all road users
- improve traffic flow and efficiency, reducing the bottleneck that occurs during peak times
- improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

What are the key features of the new bridge?

The replacement bridge will be 30 metres long and 25.3 metres wide, including:

- four 3.5-metre-wide traffic lanes
- two 2.5-metre-wide shoulders
- a three-metre-wide shared path on the southern side of the bridge and a 1.8-metre-wide footpath on the northern side of the bridge
- upgraded bridge approaches and a widened section of the Sturt Highway to four lanes.



Will there be pedestrian access on the new bridge?

The new bridge will include a three-metre shared path on the upstream side and a 1.8-metre footpath on the downstream side.

The wider bridge will also include 2.5-metre-wide shoulders on either side of the bridge for cyclists who choose to ride on the road.

Both the shared path and footpath will link to the Wiradjuri Walking Track under the bridge, providing safe access.

Why is there no shared pathway on the downstream side of the bridge?

A 1.8-metre-wide footpath will be built on the northern side of the bridge as there is not enough space to build a wider shared path on the southern side due to the location of existing utilities including optic fibre telecommunication and NBN cables.

When will major work start?

Major work will start in September 2025 and is expected to take up to two years to complete,

weather permitting.

Will the bridge be built higher?

Raising the height of the bridge was investigated early in the project, however it was determined that building the bridge at a higher flood level would not be feasible as the Sturt Highway on either side would have to be built higher to meet the flood-free levels. This would result in increased flooding impacts on the surrounding areas due to the higher embankments on the bridge approaches.

Raising the height of the bridge would also not improve connectivity on the road network as the eastern side of the Sturt Highway would still be susceptible to flooding.

Construction

Will the bridge be closed during construction?

To limit the impacts to the traffic network in Wagga Wagga, the bridge will remain open as much as possible during construction.

A small number of non-consecutive weekend bridge closures will be required to safely demolish and build the new sections of the bridge.

These closures will be carried out at night and on weekends to minimise impacts to the community.

We'll provide plenty of notice of these closures so the community can plan their journeys.

Who is building the bridge?

Huon Contractors Pty Ltd will be building the bridge.

How long will construction take?

The construction of the new bridge will take up to two years, weather permitting.

How will we build the bridge?

The bridge will be built in four stages over the two-year period.

Each stage will involve shifting traffic across the bridge to allow for the safe demolition of the old bridge.

Closures will be required as each stage starts.

The first stage of work will see the pathway on the bridge removed to allow for traffic to be shifted to the southern side of the bridge. Once this traffic has shifted, the northern section of the bridge will be demolished so the bridge piers of the new bridge can be built.

Why is the work being staged?

The bridge is being built in stages to maintain two lanes of traffic as much as possible during construction for traffic flow and efficiency.

What will be the traffic impacts during construction?

For the safety of workers, road users and pedestrians, changed traffic conditions will be in place during construction.

Traffic control and reduced speed limits of 20 km/h and 40 km/h will be in place for the duration of the project.

During various stages of the project, some closures of the highway will be required.

Detours will be in place to divert traffic through the closures.

What will the detours be while the bridge is temporarily closed?

During a small number of temporary closures, separate detours will be in place for light and heavy vehicles.

Light vehicles and local heavy vehicle traffic will detour via Koorinal Road, Copland Street, Sutton Street and Nagle Street.

Heavy vehicles will detour via Eunony Bridge Road, Byrnes Road, Merino Road and Olympic and Sturt highways.

Will pedestrians and cyclists have access over the bridge?

To maintain a safe creek crossing, a temporary bridge will be installed over Marshalls Creek on the northern side of the bridge.

The temporary crossing will link to the Wiradjuri Walking Track on the western side of the bridge.

Tree trimming and removal will be required to install the creek crossing and adjoining pathway.

Once the project has been completed, the temporary bridge will be removed and the site along the creek will be restored.

Will the Wiradjuri Walking Track be closed at the bridge?

For the safety of the community, the current walkway under the bridge will be closed with walking track users diverted to a crossing on the Sturt Highway (Hammond Avenue).

The crossing will have temporary traffic lights that will allow users to safely cross the road to rejoin the Wiradjuri Walking Track.

To minimise impacts to road users, the lights will only stop traffic when activated by pedestrians and cyclists.

These temporary traffic lights will remain in place until safe access under the new bridge can be provided in late 2026.

What are you doing to protect the local waterways?

Transport is committed to working with minimal impacts to our waterways.

We have carried out environmental assessments to understand the local ecology and have procedures in place to protect the waterways and local aquatic ecology.

Environmental assessments can be found in the Review of Environmental Factors report on the project website at **nswroads.work/marshallscreek**

How can I be notified of upcoming traffic impacts and closures?

To subscribe to receive email and SMS updates visit **nswroads.work/marshallscreek**

How do I contact the project team?

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