Transport for NSW



Weekend work at Lookout Road and McCaffrey Drive from Friday 4 April

Newcastle Inner City Bypass – Rankin Park to Jesmond

MARCH 2025







Transport for NSW acknowledges the Awabakal people of the Awabakal 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 in the Rankin Park to Jesmond section of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass.

Work is continuing on the 3.4 kilometre section of the bypass. Transport for NSW has engaged Fulton Hogan to finalise the design and construct this section of the bypass.

What work are we doing?

As part of construction of the southern section of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass, which includes Bridge 1 and the Southern Interchange, the project team are realigning and reconstructing sections of Lookout Road and McCaffrey Drive.

This requires excavation of the existing road surface and adding fill to build up road levels, with differences of between one (1) and four (4) metres. Work will also include installing new pavement and asphalting, stormwater drainage installation, utility relocation, fencing, lighting, construction of new shared user paths and traffic controls for the new Southern Interchange.

When and where we'll be working

Work will be carried out for up to four weekends from Friday 4 April, between 7pm Friday and 5am Monday each weekend, weather permitting.

- Weekend 1: 7pm Friday 4 April to 5am Monday 7 April
- Weekend 2: 7pm Friday 11 April to 5am Monday 14 April

 Weekend 3: 7pm Friday 2 May to – 5am Monday 5 May

We will keep the community updated as the work progresses.

What will this mean for you?

As part of this work there will be changed traffic conditions on Lookout Road and McCaffrey Drive which will impact capacity and road conditions for the duration of the works.

Changes include temporary traffic lane realignment and modification of the intersection including closure of slip lanes on McCaffrey Drive and Lookout Road, as well as the closure of one southbound right turn lane from Lookout Road into McCaffrey Drive.

Lookout Road will be further reduced to one lane both northbound and southbound each weekend.

On the third weekend of work, McCaffrey Drive will be closed between Marshall Street and Lookout Road, weather permitting.

Detours of up to five kilometres will be in place during the closure, which may add up to 15 minutes to your journey. We have included a map to show the detour route around the closure.

For the safety of all users the footpath on McCaffrey Drive will be closed as part of the full weekend closure.

Footpath access will be maintained on the eastern side of Lookout Road.

The two bus stops on Lookout Road will be relocated north for the duration of the work.



During the weekend closure of McCaffrey, the bus stops west of Marshall Street will be closed, and bus stop opposite Elbrook Drive will be relocated.

The community is encouraged to take alternative travel options via Lake Road, Main Road, Macquarie Road and Hillsborough Road, when suitable, to reduce the wider network impacts.

Managing our impacts

There will be machinery and other plant and equipment working in different areas throughout the night work. The machinery and equipment generate light, noise, and vibration.

We will make every effort to minimise these impacts by:

Turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use

- Using non-tonal reversing alarms
- Positioning of machines and directing temporary lighting down and away from homes
- Planning activities close to residents within standard construction hours and scheduling noisy activities earlier in the night, where possible
- Monitoring noise to manage any potential impacts and adjusting our work, where possible.
- Noise levels will be moderate. Directly affected residents will be contacted and advised of the likely impact and what we are doing to minimise disruption during the work.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

Location of work area

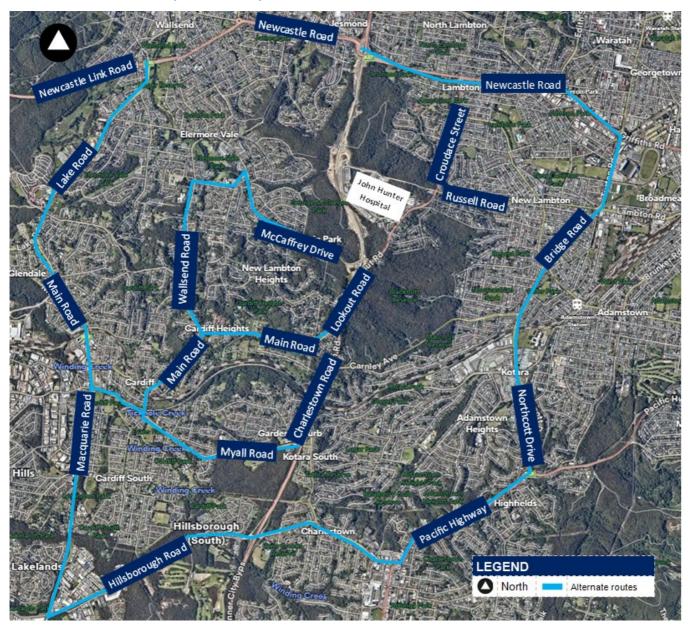


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McCaffrey closure - detour map and bus stop changes



Alternative route options map



Contact us



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