

Mona Vale Road West upgrade

What are the benefits?

The NSW Government is planning to upgrade Mona Vale Road from two lanes to four lanes between Terrey Hills and Mona Vale.

Roads and Maritime Services is planning the Mona Vale Road upgrade in stages to provide customers with a better travelling experience and to improve safety and traffic efficiency.

Mona Vale Road West currently experiences congestion in peak periods and requires upgrading to increase capacity and reduce travel times. The proposed road upgrades for Mona Vale Road West would provide:

- additional lanes for climbing and descending to improve travel time in both directions
- widened lanes and shoulders and median separation to improve safety
- a consistent speed limit between Mona Vale and Belrose with a sign posted speed limit of 80 km/h when both projects are completed
- facilities for cyclists, pedestrians and recreational horse riders.

Roads and Maritime has developed a preliminary concept design for Mona Vale Road West and is seeking your feedback. We will be accepting feedback on the design until Friday XX October.

Scope of works

Roads and Maritime has developed a preliminary concept design for Mona Vale Road West which includes upgrading the 3.2 kilometres of Mona Vale Road between McCarrs Creek Road and Powder Works Road from a two lane undivided road to a four lane divided road. The majority of the widening is proposed to be located on the northern side of Mona Vale Road.

The key features of the proposed upgrade would include:

- Widening Mona Vale Road between McCarrs Creek Road and Powder Works Road from two lanes to four lanes with a central concrete safety barrier

- Providing 2.5 metre wide shoulders along the length of Mona Vale Road between McCarrs Creek Road and Powder Works Road to allow a safer area for breakdowns and on-road cyclists

- Widening the intersection of Kimbriki Road and Mona Vale Road to replace the existing seagull intersection with new traffic lights and signalised pedestrian crossings. High retaining walls on the southern side of Mona Vale Road will be needed to widen the intersection.

- Widening Mona Vale Road to the west of Kimbriki Road to provide a westbound truck climbing lane
- Widening and upgrading the intersection of Mona Vale Road and Tumburra Street to improve safety. The upgrade will provide a new underpass connecting Tumburra Street with Mona Vale Road. Westbound through traffic will travel over the intersection

- Closing traffic access to Mona Vale Road from Addison Road. The existing intersection would be gated to provide an alternate exit from Addison Road in the event of a bush fire or other emergency. A new road joining Addison Road and Tumburra Street would be provided to allow access to Mona Vale Road

- Providing a utility corridor away from Mona Vale Road parallel to the local road network

- Providing a multi-use path along the length of the project to connect Ingleside to Terrey Hills for use by pedestrians, cyclists and recreational horse riders. The path would generally follow the alignment of the proposed new utility corridor
- New 80 km/h speed limit once both road upgrades have been completed. The current posted speed limit is 70km/h

There are no changes proposed to the intersection of Mona Vale Road and McCarrs Creek Road as the intersection has already been upgraded to a four lane configuration with traffic lights and signalised pedestrian crossings.

What are the next steps?



Have your say

Roads and Maritime is seeking feedback on the preliminary concept design until Sunday 9 November 2014. Comments should be sent to:

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Further information

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increase capacity of the road network and reduce congestion. Roads and Maritime has developed a concept design for stage one and a schematic layout for stage two and sought feedback in July/August 2014. Community feedback on the proposal is currently being reviewed.

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How can you get involved?

Roads and Maritime recognise the importance of involving the community in the development of the road upgrade for Mona Vale Road West.

Roads and Maritime will host XX community information sessions. The project team will be available to answer questions and receive feedback on the proposed road upgrades for Mona Vale Road West and East. A formal presentation will not be given, so please feel free to drop in at any time during the information sessions.

- **XX XX October from XX to XX** at the Mona Vale Memorial Hall (Main Hall), 1606 Pittwater Road at Mona Vale
- **XX XX October from XX to XX** at the Terrey Hills Community Centre (Terrey Hills Hall), 8-12 Booralie Road at Terrey Hills

The preliminary concept design for Mona Vale Road West is on display together with the preliminary concept design for Mona Vale Road East at Pittwater Council, 1 Park Street, Mona Vale.

This community update is available on the Roads and Maritime website. You can email the project team on monavaleroad@rms.nsw.gov.au and ask to be added to the stakeholder list to ensure you receive up-to-date information.

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be determined during development of the detailed concept design. Detailed flora and fauna surveys are also being carried out to identify any potential impacts from the proposed road upgrades.

Q. To what extent will Duffys Forest be impacted by the proposed upgrades to Mona Vale Road West?

The extent of impacts is currently being investigated. Every effort will be made during planning to ensure that potential impacts to the endangered ecological community Duffys Forest is minimised. Should there be any unavoidable impacts to Duffys Forest, measures will be undertaken to minimise, mitigate and offset any impacts in consultation with the Office of Environment and Heritage.

Q. To what extent will the Whale Rock carving be impacted by the proposed upgrades to Mona Vale Road West?

The proposed alignment of Mona Vale Road West has been moved to avoid any impacts to the Whale Rock carving. Roads and Maritime is working closely with the Office of Environment and Heritage to investigate and agree the full extent of Whale Rock. The current alignment of Mona Vale Road West is located 1.7 metres from the edge of the rock platform where the aboriginal carvings are found. The proposed alignment is being reviewed and may need to be moved slightly north again once the extent is agreed. Once the upgrade is completed, Whale Rock would be protected as part of Garigal National Park.

Q. To what extent will both Ku-ring-gai and Garigal National Parks be impacted by the proposed upgrades to Mona Vale Road West?

The proposed upgrade of Mona Vale Road West will require property acquisition from both Ku-ring-gai and Garigal National Parks. Early engagement has been carried out with the Office of Environment and Heritage regarding this acquisition. The acquisition will require revocation of the land from National Parks. The revocation requires an Act of Parliament. Roads and Maritime plan to start the revocation process once the project boundaries can be firmly set. Roads and Maritime is planning on returning some land back to National Parks in the area around the rocky outcrop.

Q. The Ingleside Land Release will introduce additional traffic to Mona Vale Road. Will the proposed road upgrades cater for increase in traffic volumes?

Roads and Maritime is working closely with Pittwater Council and the Department of Planning and

Environment to understand the future population increases and their likely impacts on traffic volumes. Roads and Maritime has taken these projections into account when they carried out traffic modelling for the upgrade.

Q. Will the road upgrades require any property acquisition?

There may be some property impacts where the potential road upgrades are proposed. The property impacts may include property acquisition and/or property adjustments. Roads and Maritime has already had discussions with potentially affected property owners and will continue to work closely with the community to minimise any impacts.

Q. What is happening to Mona Vale Road East?

Roads and Maritime is proposing to upgrade the 3.2 kilometres of Mona Vale Road from Manor Road and Foley Street from a two lane undivided road to a four lane divided road. Roads and Maritime is currently displaying the proposed preliminary concept design for Mona Vale Road East alongside Mona Vale Road West and is seeking feedback by Sunday 9 November 2014. A community update for Mona Vale Road East has also been distributed to the community together with this community update for Mona Vale Road West.

Q. What other road upgrades under way in Sydney's northern suburbs?

- Wakehurst Parkway flood mitigation – Roads and Maritime is investigating options to reduce the impact of flooding on Wakehurst Parkway in parallel with the planning for the Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrades.
- Wakehurst Parkway left turn slip lane extension – Roads and Maritime is extending the southbound left turn lane for Wakehurst Parkway into Frenchs Forest Road East to improve traffic flow and safety for all road users. This work is currently being carried out and is due to be completed in early 2015.
- Northern Beaches Hospital road upgrades – The NSW Government is planning to invest \$400 million in road upgrades around the new Northern Beaches Hospital with works scheduled to be completed in time for the hospital opening. These upgrades would provide customers with a better travelling experience by car or bus, increase the capacity of the road network and improve access through the precinct. Roads and Maritime Services is planning and delivering the road upgrades in two stages. Stage one would provide essential access to the Northern Beaches Hospital. Stage two would help

Frequently asked questions

Q. What provisions are being made for cyclists?

Roads and Maritime is proposing to provide a multi-use path along the length of the project to connect Ingleside to Terrey Hills for use by pedestrians, cyclists and recreational horse riders. The path would generally follow the alignment of the proposed new utility corridor. The proposed road upgrades would also provide 2.5 metre wide shoulders on Mona Vale Road West for on-road cyclists.

Q. What provisions are being made for pedestrians?

Roads and Maritime is proposing to provide a multi-use path along the length of the project to connect Ingleside to Terrey Hills for use by pedestrians, cyclists and recreational horse riders. The path would generally follow the alignment of the proposed new utility corridor.

Q. How will the road upgrades improve safety?

The proposed road upgrades would provide:

- 2.5 metre wide shoulders for on-road cyclists and to allow a safer area for breakdowns
- an additional westbound truck climbing lane on Mona Vale Road west of Kimbriki Road and dual lanes for descending to improve travel time and to allow vehicles to safely pass heavy vehicles at the steep grade
- a concrete safety barrier along the Mona Vale Road between McCarrs Creek Road and Powder Works Road to improve safety.

Q. How will the proposed road upgrades accommodate road based public transport?

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Q. What fauna crossings are being investigated as part of the proposed road upgrades for Mona Vale Road West?

The proposed road upgrades would provide fauna connectivity between the Ku-ring-gai National Park and Garigal National Park at several locations. Roads and Maritime is proposing to have one overpass (a light weight structure) and several small underpasses (either pipes or culverts) within the project area. The proposed location for the overpass is just to the east of Kimbriki Road and the underpasses would be distributed along the length of the project. The exact number of crossings will

The intersection of Mona Vale Road and Powder Works Road has also been upgraded to a four lane configuration with traffic lights and signalised pedestrian crossings and no further changes are proposed.

To help better explain these upgrades, we have included a diagram.

Background

Roads and Maritime is proposing to upgrade Mona Vale Road from two lanes to four lanes between Terrey Hills and Mona Vale. The upgrades are being planned in stages and are aimed at improving safety and traffic efficiency. The projects include:

- Stage one – Intersection improvement of Mona Vale Road with Ponderosa Parade and Samuel Street, Mona Vale
- Stage two – Mona Vale Road East upgrade: Upgrade of 3.2km of Mona Vale Road from two lanes to four lanes between Manor Road, Ingleside and Foley Street, Mona Vale
- Stage three – Mona Vale Road West upgrade: Upgrade of 3.2km of Mona Vale Road from two lanes to four lanes between McCarrs Creek Road, Terrey Hills and Powder Works Road, Ingleside. The preferred route was announced in August 2013
- Completed work and other projects – Work to improve safety on the approach to the Ponderosa Parade/Samuel Street roundabout was completed in January 2014. Work included new speed limit signs and improved line marking and signage on the steep descent and warning signs.

In August 2013, Option 2 was selected as the preferred upgrade option for Mona Vale Road West following previous consultation in 2012. The preferred route includes upgrading Mona Vale Road West from two lanes to four lanes following a new alignment to the north of the Mona Vale Road.

Planning for the upgrade of Mona Vale Road West started in mid-2011 and involved preliminary surveys, design feasibility studies, environmental investigations and community stakeholder discussions. Selecting the preferred option was an iterative process involving both technical and specialist input through review of constructability and value management. This included workshops with community representatives.

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