

Mona Vale Road West upgrade – McCarrs Creek Road to Powder Works Road

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.

The project will be staged to provide customers 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 upgrade 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 80 km/h speed limit between Mona Vale and Belrose once the road upgrades for both Mona Vale Road East and Mona Vale Road West are completed
- facilities for cyclists, pedestrians and recreational horse riders.

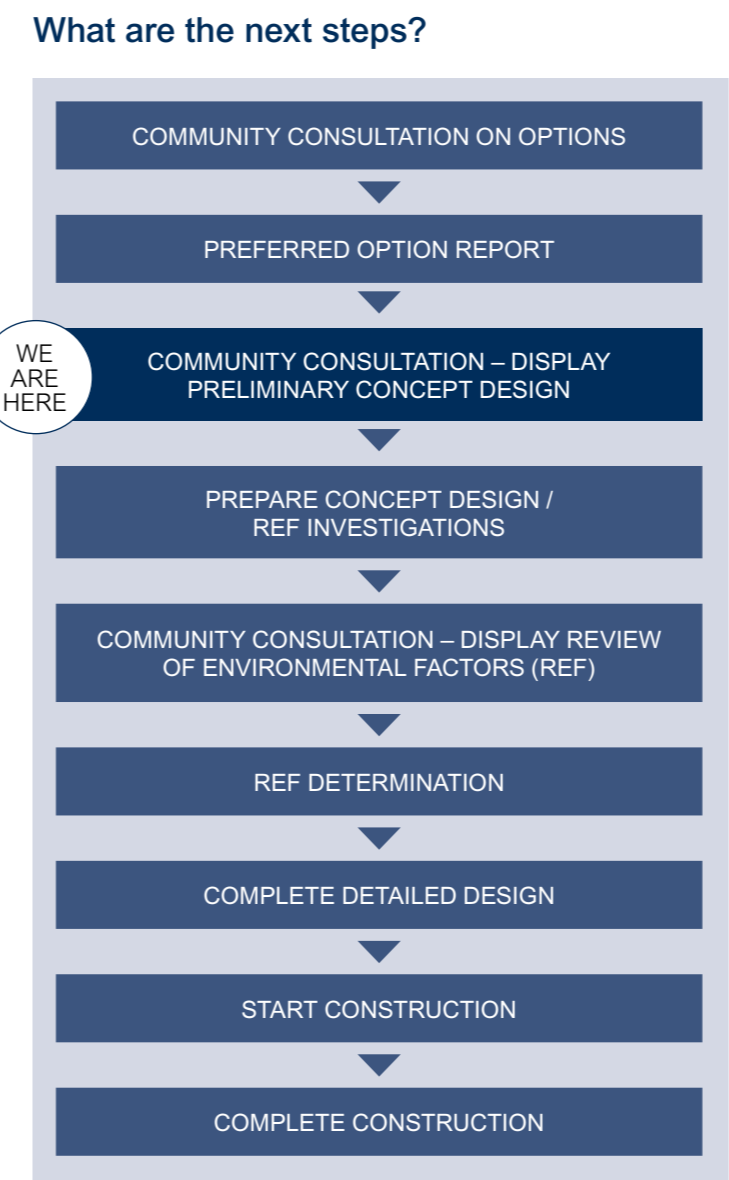
Roads and Maritime has developed a preliminary concept design for Mona Vale Road West and is seeking your feedback. We will be accepting feedback on the design until Friday 14 November 2014.

What road upgrades are being proposed?

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. We plan to locate the majority of the widening 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 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 on Mona Vale Road 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 for electricity, gas and other cables away from Mona Vale Road parallel to the local road network
- Providing a multi-use path (for use by pedestrians, cyclists and recreational horse riders) along the length of the project to connect Ingleside to Terrey Hills. The path would generally follow the alignment of the proposed new utility corridor



Have your say
 Roads and Maritime is seeking feedback on the preliminary concept design until Friday 14 November 2014. Comments should be sent to:
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two stages. Stage one would provide essential access to the Northern Beaches Hospital. Stage two would help increase capacity of the road network and reduce congestion. Roads and Maritime 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.

How can you get involved?

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

Roads and Maritime will host three 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.

- **Thursday 23 October** from 5pm to 8pm at the German International School (Multi-purpose room), 33 Myoora Road at Terrey Hills
- **Saturday 25 October** from 10am to 2pm at the Mona Vale Memorial Hall (Main Hall), 1606 Pittwater Road at Mona Vale
- **Saturday 1 November** from 9am to 1pm at the German International School (Multi-purpose room), 33 Myoora 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. We are seeking feedback until Friday 14 November 2014.

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.

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

Roads and Maritime is working closely with Pittwater Council and the Department of Planning and Environment and has taken the projected traffic into account in the traffic modelling for the upgrade.

Q. Will the road upgrade require any property acquisition?

We may need to acquire some properties impacted by the proposed road upgrades. Roads and Maritime has 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 to 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 Friday 14 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 projects are 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

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 upgrade would also provide 2.5 metre wide shoulders on Mona Vale Road West for on-road cyclists.

Q. How will the road upgrade improve safety?

The proposed road upgrade 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 times and to allow vehicles to safely pass heavy vehicles at the steep grade
- a concrete safety barrier along Mona Vale Road between McCarrs Creek Road and Powder Works Road to improve safety.

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

The proposed road upgrade would provide fauna connection between the Ku-ring-gai National Park and Garigal National Park at several locations including fencing. Roads and Maritime is investigating an overpass 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 be determined during the development of the concept design and displayed with the REF. 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 both Ku-ring-gai and Garigal National Parks be impacted by the proposed upgrade 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. Roads and Maritime is planning on returning some land back to National Parks in the area around the rocky outcrop.

- Changing the speed limit from 70 km/h to 80 km/h once the road upgrades for both Mona Vale Road East and Mona Vale Road West have been completed
- Investigating fauna crossings.

There are no changes proposed to the intersection of Mona Vale Road and McCarrs Creek Road, or the intersection of Mona Vale Road and Powder Works Road, as these intersections have already been upgraded to a four lane configuration with traffic lights and signalised pedestrian crossings.

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

Background

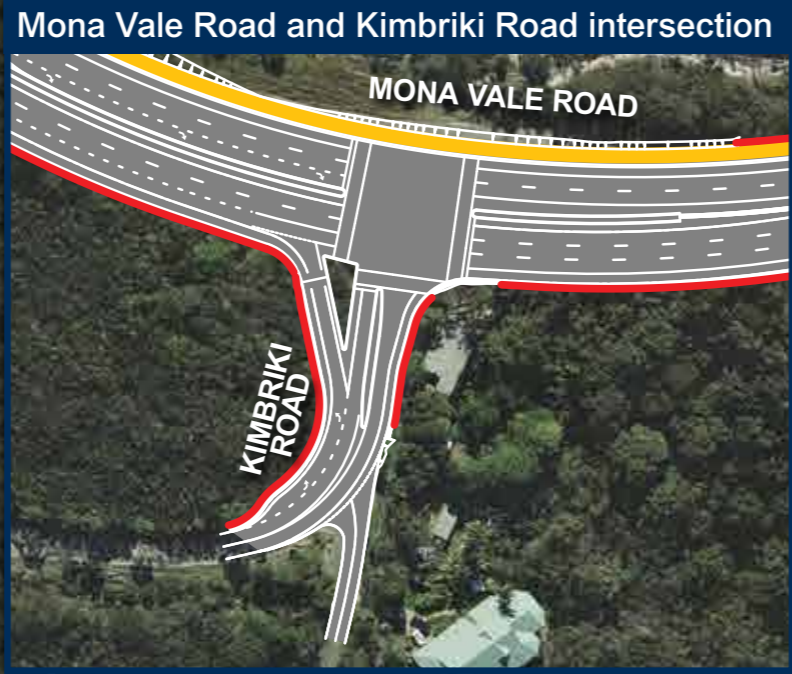
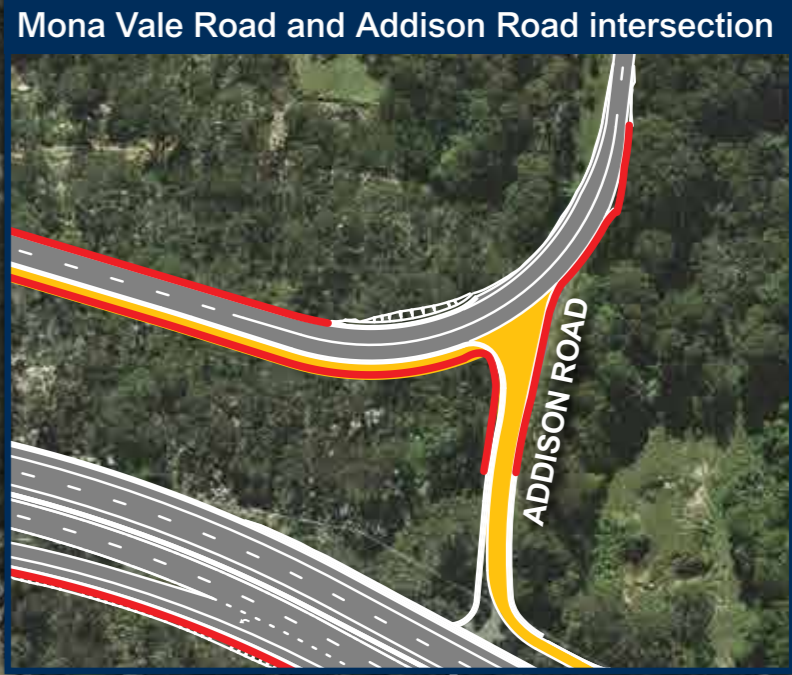
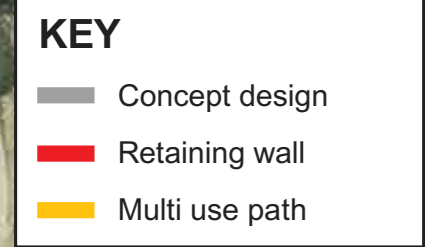
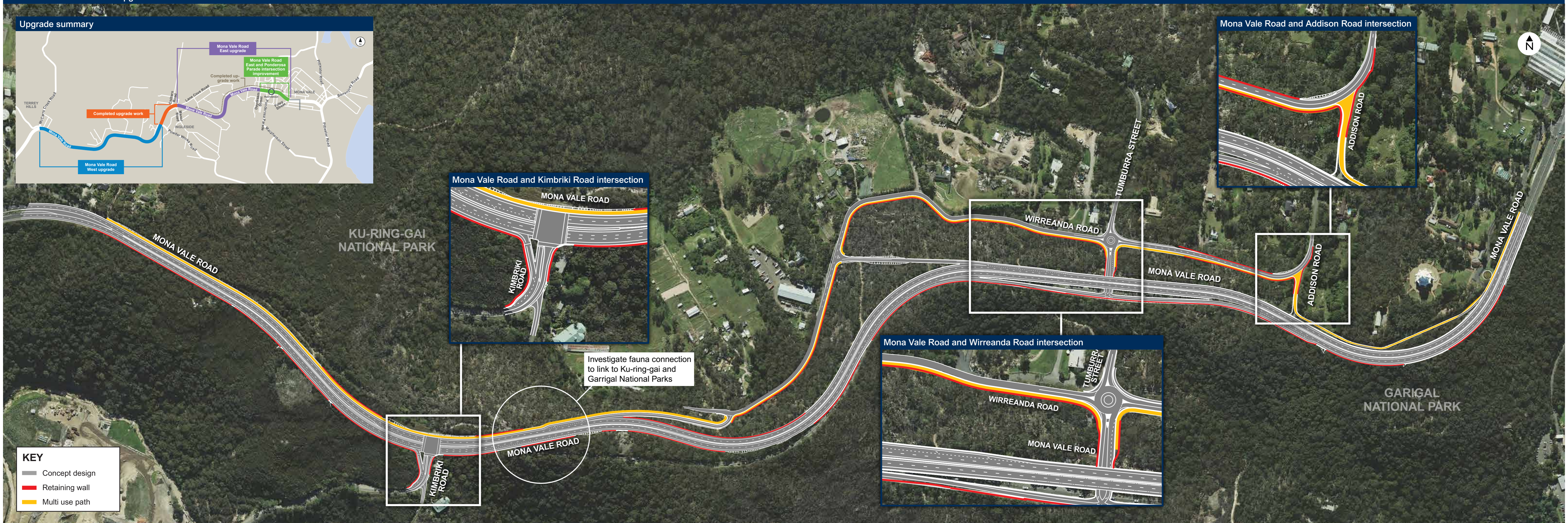
Roads and Maritime is proposing to upgrade Mona Vale Road between Terrey Hills and Mona Vale to improve safety and traffic efficiency. The upgrade includes:

- **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 3.2 kilometres 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: (this project) Upgrade of 3.2 kilometres 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.

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 and review of constructability and value management. This included workshops with community representatives and consultation in 2012.

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

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