

Epping Town Centre Community Update

June 2017

The NSW Government is funding this project through the Housing Acceleration Fund to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion to support population growth in Epping Town Centre

Background

Epping Town Centre is one of the NSW Government's Urban Activation Precincts. The program aims to deliver more homes in places with access to infrastructure, transport, services and jobs. Roads and Maritime Services is building two projects to support the development of this precinct, including:

- **Project 1:** Upgrading the Beecroft Road and Carlingford Road intersection (construction started in March 2016)
- **Project 2:** Widening Epping Road westbound between Essex Street and Blaxland Road including an upgrade of the intersection at Epping Road and Essex Street.

Roads and Maritime has decided to proceed with construction of Project 2 after reviewing feedback received during the display of the Review of Environmental Factors in November and December 2015. Further information is available on our website www.rms.nsw.gov.au by searching 'Epping Town Centre'.

Project benefits

The key benefits of the project include improved:

- performance of intersections
- travel times and congestion
- pedestrian facilities
- road safety.



Improving
traffic flow



Intersection of Blaxland Road, Epping

Project 2: Widening Epping Road westbound between Essex Street and Blaxland Road including the upgrade of the intersection at Epping Road and Essex Street

We invited feedback in November and December 2015 on a Review of Environmental Factors for the proposal to widen Epping Road westbound between Essex Street and Blaxland Road.

We received feedback from 35 people and one government stakeholder. Four submissions supported part of the proposal.

We have summarised the feedback and our responses to it in a submissions report, which is available at rms.nsw.gov.au/projects or by contacting our delivery partner at enquiries_nsw@downermouchel.com.

After considering all responses, along with the proposal's aims and design requirements, we have decided to proceed with planning for the proposal unchanged. We have responded directly to questions or concerns raised and thank everyone for considering the proposal and for their feedback.

The work includes:

- widening the southern side of Epping Road by about 3.7 metres between Essex Street and Blaxland Road to provide an additional westbound lane. The additional westbound lane would function as a dedicated left turn lane into Blaxland Road
- upgrading the Epping Road and Essex Street intersection including:
 - widening the north-eastern side of the intersection to provide an additional right turn lane onto Epping Road westbound. This would provide two marked right turn lanes and an unmarked shared left turn/through lane
 - providing new traffic light pedestrian crossings and pram ramps on all four approaches to the intersection
- building a raised central median about 340 metres long on Epping Road between Essex Street and Blaxland Road
- building a raised central median about 20 metres long on Essex Street north of Epping Road intersection
- removal of right turns into and out of Forest Grove and Smith streets
- removal of the right turn from Langston Place onto Epping Road westbound
- removal of the right turn from Epping Road into Essex Street in both directions
- providing a left turn lane from Essex Street onto Epping Road westbound.

We have included a map to show the location of the work.

Start of work

Roads and Maritime will start construction of Project 2 on **Monday 12 June**, work will take **15 months** to complete. The first stage will include surveys, marking utilities, demolition of two houses, clearing vegetation, establishing the work area, earthwork and property adjustments.

Our day work hours will be between **Monday** and **Friday** from **8am** to **6pm** and **Saturdays** from **8am** to **1pm**. We will also carry out some initial night work from **8pm** to **5am**, excluding **Saturday**, for a maximum of **two nights** a week.

Have your say - Night work on Epping Road, Epping

Roads and Maritime is inviting your feedback on a night work schedule that would allow us to complete the project as quickly as possible to minimise the disruption period for residents, businesses and road users.

We propose working up to **five nights** a week over a **15 month period** from **8pm** to **5am**, between **Sunday** and **Friday**, excluding public holidays, weather permitting.

We expect to work up to a total of **140 night shifts** across the duration of work where noisier activities will be carried out.

Noisier work would take place from **8pm** to **midnight**, with less noisy work carried out from **midnight** to **5am**. We have included an explanation of the types of activities and equipment that will be used.

Noisier construction activities and equipment:

- saw cutting concrete
- breaking up concrete
- cutting trees with a chainsaw.

Less noisy construction activities and equipment:

- road marking
- loading and unloading trucks
- reversing alarms
- compacting new road layers and laying concrete
- scanning for utilities
- drilling holes and excavation
- milling existing asphalt.

The work will include about **600 day shifts** from **7am** to **6pm**, between **Monday** and **Friday** and from **8am** to **1pm** on **Saturday**.

Our proposed work schedule

Stage one (about eight weeks) – Less noisy work including setting up environmental controls, surveying and potholing.

Stage two (about two weeks) – Noisy work including removing trees along Epping Road.

Stage three (about 12 weeks) – Less noisy work including excavating and then filling in the area on the southern side of Epping Road.

Stage four (about four weeks) – Noisy work including cutting asphalt and concrete and jackhammering.

Stage five (about 14 weeks) – Less noisy work including relocating utilities.

Stage six (about four weeks) – Noisy work including line marking, demolishing the footpath and jackhammering.

Stage seven (about 10 weeks) – About 10 weeks of less noisy work including excavating and removing material, packing the road base, laying concrete and installing stormwater pipes.

Stage eight (about 14 weeks) – Less noisy work to restore the site.

How can you give feedback?

We invite your feedback on our proposed nightwork schedule by **Sunday 2 July**. Please send your comments to our delivery partner:

Epping Town Centre Project - DownerMouchel
PO Box 6465
North Ryde NSW 2133

Or nsw_projects@downermouchel.com.

We will consider all feedback and continue to update you as the project progresses.



Update on Project 1: Intersection improvements at Beecroft Road and Carlingfod Road, Epping

Construction on Project 1 started in March 2016.

Work completed to date includes utility relocations on Beecroft Road, construction of a retaining wall between Beecroft Road and Railway Lane, and about 80 per cent of pavement reconstruction work.

Work still to be done includes:

- installing panels at the retaining wall
- some utility relocations
- some pavement reconstruction.

The project will improve traffic flow, reduce traffic congestion and improve pedestrian access.

We expect to finish construction in September 2017.



Epping Road, Epping



Contact Us

For more information, please contact the project team on:

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More information is also available at rms.nsw.gov.au by searching 'Epping Town Centre'.



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Arabic

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Korean

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Vietnamese

Nếu cần thông ngôn viên, xin quý vị gọi cho Dịch Vụ Thông Phiên Dịch (TIS Toàn Quốc) qua số **131 450** và nhờ họ gọi cho Roads and Maritime Services qua số 02 8849 2696.



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