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Re: Princes Highway upgrade - Gerringong to Bomaderry

Dear resident,

In June 2009 the RTA finalised the preferred option for upgrading the Princes Highway between Gerringong and Bomaderry. Details of the preferred access arrangements for the towns of Gerringong and Berry were also announced.

The RTA currently proposes that the upgrade program will comprise three separate projects for the purpose of concept design and environmental assessment:

- Mount Pleasant to Toolijooa Road
- Toolijooa Road to south of Berry
- South of Berry to Bomaderry.

A staging plan and construction schedule will be developed later in the planning process. The RTA is now continuing field work and progressing concept design of the projects including local road and property access arrangements.

Local road and property access

Improving road safety is one of the key objectives of the projects. The RTA receives regular feedback from the community regarding the difficult and dangerous manoeuvres that are currently required to access properties from the highway.

The future access arrangements will improve safety for everyone using the highway but for some people this will involve increased travel times to gain safe access to and from properties. The RTA is working with the community to minimise inconvenience while still achieving the road safety improvements needed.

The RTA has met with many property owners, local transport operators and bus service providers to understand their access needs. This information is being used to develop a local access strategy for the upgrade.

Strategy for local access will be finalised and displayed for public comment as part of the environmental assessments in 2010.

New intersections

In addition to new interchanges at Gerringong and Berry the upgraded highway will provide a number of intersections at key points along the route. The locations and turning movements provided at these intersections are presently under consideration and will be determined by existing and future traffic patterns, predicted future growth, topography, constructability and value for money.



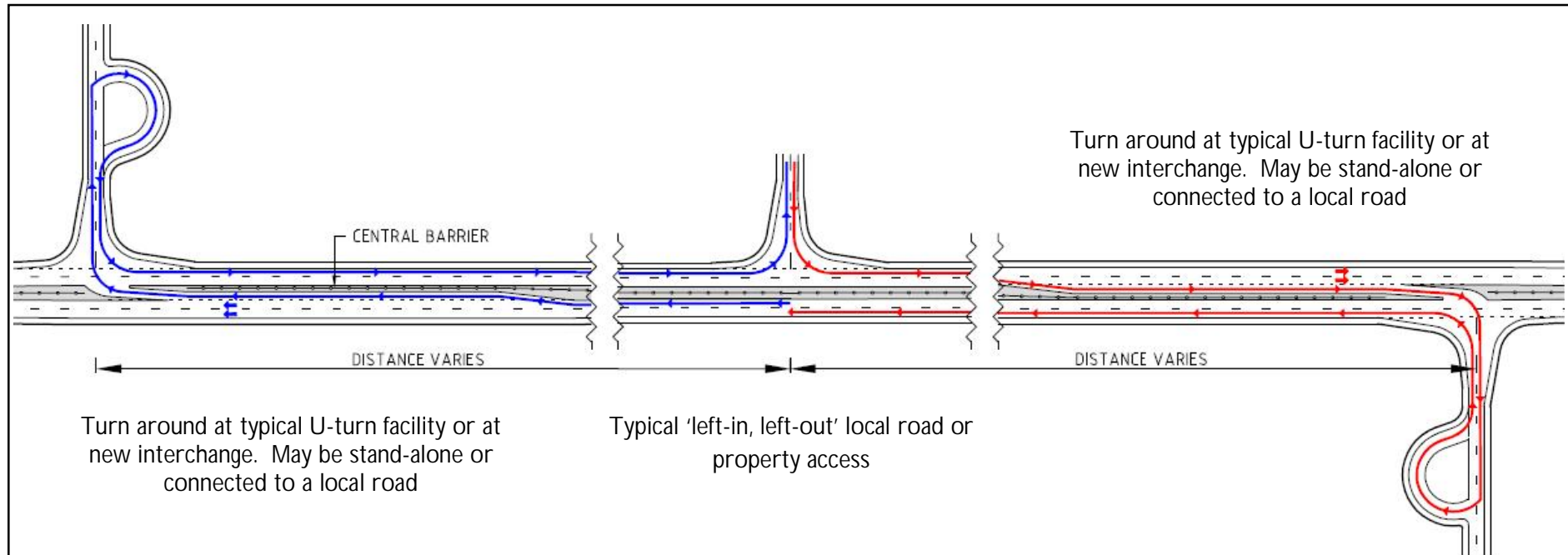
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Local access

Between the new intersections, northbound and southbound traffic on the upgraded highway will be separated by a central median or barrier, such as wire rope.

This means access into many local roads and properties will be via 'left-in, left-out' turns only, in tandem with u-turn facilities or nearby new intersections. Sample diagrams of a typical 'left-in, left-out' access and typical u-turn facilities are shown below.

If you have information to provide the RTA or questions regarding access to your property from the upgraded highway please contact the project team via email Gerringong_to_Bomaderry@aecom.com or using the toll free project information line 1-800 506 976.



For more information:

The RTA welcomes community feedback outside of the public display periods through any of the contact methods listed below. There will be further opportunity for community comment during the environmental impact assessment stages.

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