

Improvements to King Georges Road between Beverly Hills and Hurstville

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the NSW Government investing in improvements to King Georges Road between Beverly Hills and Hurstville?

Sydney's continued growth means we need to invest in improvement works to ease congestion on key corridors such as King Georges Road. The need for investment on King Georges Road is driven by high levels of traffic causing congestion, queuing, delayed travel times, reduced capacity of the roadway, as well as a high crash rate.

Widening King Georges Road to three lanes in each direction will result in travel time savings and more reliable journeys for the 43,000 motorists that use this key corridor every day.

How is the NSW Government funding the improvements on King Georges Road between Beverly Hills and Hurstville?

The NSW Government is funding the construction of the improvements for \$43 million from the Major Infrastructure Established Sydney Roads budget.

What are the benefits of the planned improvements to King Georges Road between Beverly Hills and Hurstville?

The improvements are expected to deliver:

- Improved road safety for all road users
- Improved travel time and reliability
- Reduced congestion
- Increased space to allow more motorists to use the corridor
- Improved freight movements and efficiency.

What were the project features of the original proposed design?

The original proposal included:

- Widening King Georges Road from Stoney Creek Road, Beverly Hills to Forest Road, Hurstville to create three lanes in each direction, separated by a concrete median
- Removing right turn movements in and out of George, Dudley, Clarence and Percival streets to increase safety and improve travel time for motorists traveling on King Georges Road
- Relocating and installing of footpaths, street lighting, kerbs and drainage
- Road resurfacing and line marking
- Tree removal, trimming and landscaping.

Did Roads and Maritime consult the community on the original proposal?

Roads and Maritime asked the community to provide feedback on the original proposed design as part of a consultation process in September and October 2018. A notification of the consultation was forwarded to approximately 19,000 stakeholders and community members, inviting them to send a submission via post or email, or visit the project website or portal for further details. We also hosted two community information sessions at Hurstville Aquatic and Leisure Centre, on Thursday 18 October and Saturday 20 October 2018.

What were the results of the consultation on the original proposed design?

We received 106 submissions from the community. 31 submissions were supportive of various parts of the proposal, nine submissions were against the proposal and 66 submissions did not state a preference.

We responded to all feedback raised by the community in a consultation report, which is available on our website, rms.work/KGR.

Key matters raised by the community included:

- support for the proposed widening of King Georges Road between Stoney Creek Road, Beverly Hills and Forest Road, Hurstville
- opposition to the proposed restrictions to right turn movements into and out of George, Dudley, Clarence and Percival streets
- requests to remove the restriction of the right turn movements when travelling southbound on King Georges Road to turn onto Forest Road, Hurstville.

We considered all responses to the consultation and advised the community we intended proceed with the widening of King Georges Road. However, as some community members expressed concerns with our proposal to ban the right turn movements into and out of George, Dudley, Clarence and Percival streets, we committed to investigating alternative options to address this feedback. We advised we would update the community on the outcome of these additional investigations when complete, before starting work. We also advised we would develop a work schedule and communicate a timeframe for construction, including anticipated start and finish dates.

How was the design modified in response to community feedback and the investigations?

Roads and Maritime modified our design on King Georges Road to provide a right turning lane for motorists travelling southbound to turn into Percival Street. Motorists will no longer be able to turn right from Percival Street to travel southbound on King Georges Road. Some changes to the median have also been made to accommodate water drainage.

A new right turn lane will allow motorists to queue safely on King Georges Road while waiting for a break in traffic to turn right into Percival Street without impeding traffic flow in the southbound lanes. It will also maintain access to Penshurst Public School and the Penshurst Park Sporting hub.

Will there be any other changes to our original proposal to ban the right turn movements into and out of George, Dudley and Clarence streets?

The design to remove of the right turn movements in and out of George, Dudley and Clarence streets has not changed, and motorists will no longer be able to turn right from Percival Street to travel southbound on King Georges Road. Results of investigations and traffic modelling found these options would be detrimental to safety and congestion within the local area.

Why are we banning right turn movements on George, Dudley and Clarence streets?

The purpose of key corridors such as King Georges Road is the safe movement of people and goods around Sydney. This stretch of King Georges Road caters to up to 43,000 vehicles per day and to ease congestion we are widening this section of the road so it is three lanes in each direction.

The removal of the right turn movements in and out of George, Dudley and, Clarence streets, was made to improve safety and reduce travel time for all motorists travelling on King Georges Road, including local residential traffic.

Has Roads and Maritime investigated the possibility of upgrading the intersection of King Georges Road and Forest Road Hurstville?

Yes. We have completed investigation to inform on the possibility of providing a turning lane on King Georges Road southbound, for motorists to turn right into Forest Road; which is currently a banned movement. We found the road widening needed to complete the work could not be accommodated within the current road reserve. A review of traffic modelling in busy time periods also shows that congestion would increase as a result of this change.

What will the revised design for the improvements on King Georges Road between Beverly Hills and Hurstville include?

The revised design will include:

- Widening King Georges Road from Stoney Creek Road Beverly Hills to Forest Road Hurstville to create three lanes in each direction, separated by a concrete median in most places along the corridor.
- Providing a turning lane on King Georges Road southbound, for motorists turning right into Percival Street
- Banning the right turn movements in and out of George, Dudley and Clarence streets to increase safety and improve travel time for motorists traveling on King Georges Road
- Banning the right turn movements out of Percival Street onto King Georges Road
- Relocating the permanent electronic message sign currently located on King Georges Road near Hurstville Aquatic Centre to a new location in front of Beverly Hills Public School
- Relocating and installing of footpaths, street lighting, kerbs and drainage
- Road resurfacing and line marking
- Tree removal, trimming and landscaping.

Will we be acquiring any residential properties to enable the improvements on King Georges Road between Beverly Hills and Hurstville?

These improvements will be delivered using the existing road reserve and residential properties already owned by Roads and Maritime. Some adjustments to privately-owned residential properties located

adjacent to the road reserve may be required. We will be in direct contact with these residents as the project progresses, and will work closely with them to minimise any impact.

Will the traffic light phasing be reviewed as part of the improvements on King Georges Road between Beverly Hills and Hurstville?

Roads and Maritime can confirm the scope for improvements includes reviewing of traffic light phasing to cater for changes in traffic behaviour.

When will construction commence on the improvements on King Georges Road between Beverly Hills and Hurstville?

To incorporate changes to our design we have delayed our construction schedule. We expect construction of the improvements will begin in the second half of 2020, and take an estimated 18-24 months to complete.

What is the construction schedule for the improvements on King Georges Road between Beverly Hills and Hurstville?

We are finalising our construction schedule and will update the community before we start. We will work at night where possible to reduce traffic delays and disruption. Our night works hours are from **9pm to 5am, Sunday to Thursday**.

Are there any other improvements proposed for King Georges Road, between Beverly Hills and South Hurstville?

We are continuing to investigate additional improvements to King Georges Road between Forest Road Hurstville and Connells Point Road South Hurstville, as well as upgrades to other key intersections in the area. These investigations will inform a proposed design of further improvements to the King Georges Road corridor.

Where can the community find more information on the improvements on King Georges Road on between Beverly Hills and Hurstville?

If you have any questions regarding the improvements to the King Georges Road corridor, please contact our Project Manager, Elie Anthony on 1800 572 114 or via email on G2S@rms.nsw.gov.au

Further information can also be found on the project webpage at rms.work/KGR