

King Georges Road widening between Beverly Hills and Hurstville - Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the NSW Government investing in improvements on King Georges Road between Stoney Creek Road Beverly Hills and Forest Road Hurstville?

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. Sydney's continued growth means we need to invest in improvement works to ease congestion on key corridors such as King Georges Road.

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.

What work items were included in the proposed design for improvements to King Georges Road between Beverly Hills and Hurstville?

The proposed design 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.

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

The proposed 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 results of the consultation completed by Roads and Maritime Services on the proposed design for improvements on King Georges Road between Beverly Hills and Hurstville?

Roads and Maritime Services asked the community to have a say on proposed improvements to ease congestion, increase safety and improve travel times on King Georges Road between Stoney Creek Road Beverly Hills and Forest Road Hurstville in September and October 2018.

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 have 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 for consideration to be given to removing the restriction of the right turn movements when travelling southbound on King Georges Road to turn onto Forest Road, Hurstville.

We have considered all responses to the consultation and have decided to proceed with the widening of the road. However we will continue investigations based on community feedback, especially around the right turn movement restrictions, and will develop a work schedule over the coming months.

We will update the community when these additional investigations are complete before starting work. We will also communicate a timeframe for construction, including anticipated start and finish dates.

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

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

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

The construction of the improvements will begin in late 2019, and run for an estimated 18-24 months. The construction schedule will be released as the project progresses.

Will Roads and Maritime be acquiring any residential properties to facilitate the improvements on King Georges Road between Beverly Hills and Hurstville?

The proposed improvements will be delivered using the existing road reserve and residential properties already owned by Roads and Maritime.

Some adjustments may be required to privately-owned residential properties located adjacent to the road reserve. Further information on these adjustments will be communicated as the project progresses.

Why are we proposing to remove the no right turn movements on George Street, Dudley Street, Clarence Street and Percival Street?

The primary 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 have proposed widening this section of the road so it is three lanes in each direction.

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

The introduction of a median to separate the six lanes of traffic will eliminate the safety risk of vehicles crossing three lanes of traffic to turn right without traffic light assistance. We have provided suggested alternative routes within our portal, which is available on our website, rms.work/KGR.

We note that some community members have expressed concerns with our proposal to restrict right turn movements into and out of George, Dudley, Clarence and Percival streets. We appreciate these concerns and we'll continue to investigate design options to address these matters, while ensuring the overall project achieves its goal of reducing congestion on this busy and important corridor.

We will update the community when these additional investigations are complete before starting work. We will also communicate a timeframe for construction, including anticipated start and finish dates.

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

Roads and Maritime is investigating additional improvements to King Georges Road between Forest Road Hurstville and Connells Point Road South Hurstville, including potential road widening and changes to some of the surrounding intersections to further improve traffic flow and safety. These investigations will inform the design of further improvements to the King Georges Road corridor.

On completion of these investigations, Roads and Maritime will consult on the design of the proposed improvements with local residents and road users.

Will the traffic light sequences change as a result of the improvements?

Roads and Maritime can confirm the scope for improvements to King Georges Road between Beverly Hills and Hurstville will also include a review of traffic light sequencing to cater for changes in traffic behaviour.

What is the construction schedule for the improvements?

The construction schedule will be released as the project progresses. There will be scheduled night works to minimise disruption during the day and mitigate any peak period traffic issues. Our night works hours are from 9pm to 5am, Sunday to Thursday.

Contact us

If you have any questions regarding the proposed improvements on King Georges Road, please contact our Project Manager, Elie Anthony, on:

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