



Frequently Asked Questions

Display of concept design and Review of Environmental Factors

About the project

What is happening?

Roads and Maritime Services is displaying the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors on the Jane Street and Mulgoa Road Infrastructure Upgrade, near the Penrith CBD.

We are seeking feedback from the community and stakeholders until **Friday 16 December 2016**.

Comments will be considered in finalising the concept design. Roads and Maritime will inform the community of any changes to the design once the project is approved and a Submissions Report will be published in early 2017 summarising the issues raised by the community and the responses from Roads and Maritime.

Design

I notice the design includes replacing the existing rail bridge. How will this be done?

The project includes replacing the existing railway bridge over Castlereagh Road with a new 39 metre reinforced concrete bridge using a special method called a 'bridge slide'. The existing rail bridge would be replaced before the commencement of road work. Construction of the new rail bridge would require a number of temporary closures to part of the rail network, but would have little or no impact to current traffic movements. However, demolition of the existing bridge and positioning of the new bridge would require a 5 day temporary closure of the rail network and full closure of Castlereagh Road (with the implementation of appropriate traffic diversions).

For more information about the replacement of the railway bridge, please refer to section 3.2 of the Review of Environmental Factors.

What are the benefits of the upgrade for cyclists and pedestrians?

New pedestrian and cyclist facilities include:

- A 4.5 metre separated path along the eastern side of Mulgoa Road / Castlereagh Road
- Safer pedestrian crossings at the High Street and Jane Street intersections with Mulgoa Road / Castlereagh Road.

Cyclists can use the kerbside bus lanes in accordance with NSW Road Rules.

Construction

Timing

What are the hours of construction?

Where possible, work would be limited to the recommended standard hours for construction work which are:

- 7.00am – 6.00pm Monday to Friday
- 8.00am – 1.00 pm Saturdays
- No work on Sundays or public holidays.

Road closures

Individual lane or full road closure on Mulgoa Road, Castlereagh Road, Jane Street, High Street and the Great Western Highway may be required at times to undertake construction work. Temporary lane closure would affect the flow of traffic accessing the Jane Street / Mulgoa Road – Castlereagh Road and Great Western Highway / Mulgoa Road / High Street intersections, however this would be short-term and would be undertaken during off-peak hours where possible to minimise impacts. Full road closures would be required, however such closures would be temporary.

For more information on road closures, refer to section 3.3 of the Review of Environmental Factors.

Access

Will access to the Westfield shopping centre and other businesses be impacted by construction?

Westfield Shopping Centre

Westfield Shopping Centre has a number of existing entry and exit points. The proposed construction work may result in some temporary closures around some of these areas. However these are intended to be temporary closures which would occur mostly outside of normal business hours.

Woodriff Gardens and Nepean District Tennis Association

The existing left in and left out access at Mulgoa Road to the Nepean District Tennis Association would remain open during construction, providing entry and exit points to both the tennis facilities and the site compound during construction.

Penrith City Council

Access to the Penrith City Council would be maintained throughout the construction period. Some work may require partial closure of the Mulgoa Road / High Street intersection limiting access to the Council car park from High Street, however it is expected this would be night work. To maintain full access during this time, a temporary detour connection would be sign posted along Union Street, Worth Street and High Street for the duration of the proposed road closure.

Lion Dairy and Drinks

Truck access to the Lion Dairy and Drinks site would be maintained at all times during construction. This may require some diversion from the usual traffic routes at times, however this would be communicated with Lion Dairy and Drinks in advance.

For more information about proposed access arrangements, refer to the Review of Environmental Factors, section 3.3.

Will the construction work impact rail access?

Impacts on the Sydney Trains parking and Penrith Station access points would be kept to a minimum. It is proposed that the existing connectivity and parking arrangements be maintained at the Castlereagh Road / Jane Street access points. Temporary closures of some access points may be required and would be completed outside peak commute times. Alternative access arrangements would be available outside of commute hours when the work is scheduled to commence.

I regularly use the car park at Mulgoa Road / High Street intersection. Will this be impacted?

No. Access to the car park located south east of the Mulgoa Road / High Street intersection would be maintained at all times during construction, with the two primary access routes along High Street and Union Street. Works would be undertaken at night during the upgrade of these intersections so that access to parking is maintained throughout.

What are the changes to pedestrian and cycle connectivity?

Connections for pedestrians and cyclists would be maintained throughout the construction period. Where active transport connections are temporarily removed or blocked an alternative connection would be provided. These connections would be as direct as possible.

Noise

What level of noise is expected during construction?

An operational traffic and construction noise and vibration assessment was carried out for the project as part of the Review of Environmental Factors.

The initial construction noise predictions indicate some construction noise impacts are expected for the following activities:

- Bridge work at night
- Any daytime, evening or night work in the vicinity (within about 70 m) of residential premises along High Street to the west of the intersection with Mulgoa Road
- Any daytime work in the vicinity (within about 100 m) of the Jane Sutherland Performing Arts Centre.

How will this noise be managed?

Roads and Maritime will require construction contractors to use noise management measures as set out in the Roads and Maritime Construction Noise and Vibration Guideline. Noisy construction work would generally be carried out during the day with the aim of minimal impacts on sensitive receivers. In addition, the affected community and key stakeholders would be given notice in advance of any planned night work and traffic changes that would generate construction noise.

Initial construction noise mitigation and management measures have been developed and are provided in Section 6.5.5 of the Review of Environmental Factors.

Property

Will there be any property acquisition and is my property affected?

As part of the proposed upgrade, Roads and Maritime would need to acquire a small number of properties to allow for the road widening. Affected businesses and property owners have been contacted by the Roads and Maritime project team.

For more information about proposed property acquisitions, please refer to the Review of Environmental Factors, section 3.6.

Environment

Have any threatened species been found in the project area?

As part of the Review of Environmental Factors, a flora and fauna assessment was conducted by qualified ecologists to assess the potential biodiversity impacts of the proposal. This assessment determined that no endangered ecological communities or threatened species were considered to rely on habitats within the project area. For more information about the ecological assessment and appropriate site specific safeguards, please refer to the Review of Environmental Factors, section 6.11.

Have your say

How do I make a comment on the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors?

Roads and Maritime recognises the importance of involving the community and welcomes your feedback until **Friday 16 December 2016**. Feedback can be provided by email, letter or attendance at a community information session.

For more information about the proposal, or to provide feedback, please contact the project team:

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Email subscriber list: If you would like to receive up to date information on the Jane Street and Mulgoa Road Infrastructure Upgrade, please send an email to janestreetandmulgoaroad@rms.nsw.gov.au

Community Information Sessions

We will host three community information sessions with information on the concept design and the Review of Environmental Factors for the Jane Street Mulgoa Road Infrastructure Upgrade.

The project team will be available to answer questions and receive feedback on the proposal from the community.

A formal presentation will not be given, so please feel free to drop in at any time during these information sessions.

Thursday 24 November 2016, 5pm to 8pm
Penrith Senior Citizens Centre 86 Station Street, Penrith
Saturday 26 November 2016, 10am to 1pm
Cambridge Park Hall 97 Oxford Street, Cambridge Park
Saturday 3 December 2016, 2pm to 4pm
Penrith City Library Theatrette 601 High Street, Penrith



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