



Transport for NSW

Planning for a future Murray River crossing at Swan Hill

Community update | July 2021



Aerial view of Swan Hill Bridge

Transport for NSW, in collaboration with Regional Roads Victoria, is planning for a future crossing over the Murray River at Swan Hill.

McCallum Street has been selected as the preferred alignment after comprehensive planning investigations and community consultation to understand the community's preference on the location.

Transport for NSW thanks all community members and stakeholders who participated by providing feedback, comments and suggestions about the future bridge at Swan Hill.



Improved freight and business productivity



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McCallum Street Option concept design



Legend

- █ McCallum Street Option
- - - Pedestrian and cyclist shared path
- █ X Existing bridge to be removed

Key design considerations

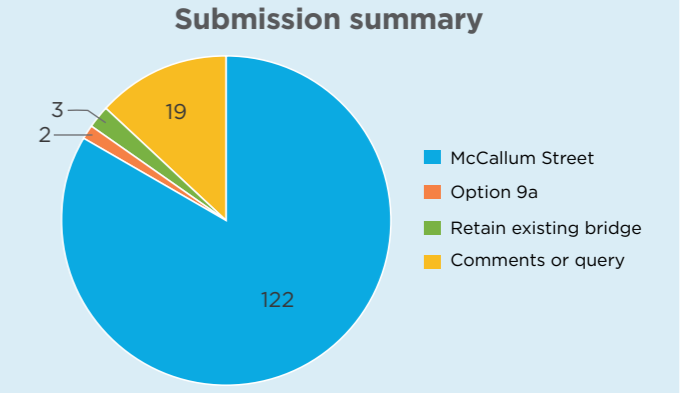
McCallum Street Option:

1. New bridge with possible lift span. A temporary single lane bridge with shared path will be constructed prior to removal of existing bridge
2. Maintain existing alignment and direct connection to roundabout at McCallum Street
3. Existing level crossing to be maintained.

See the Community Feedback Summary report on the project website at nswroads.work/swanhillbridge

You spoke, we listened

Transport for NSW received 146 submissions during the feedback period held in late 2020 consulting on the preferred alignment.



122 submissions stated a clear preference for the McCallum Street Option. Community feedback also included comments that will be considered by the project team during the next stage of planning.

- Feedback included:
- preference for a 'flyover' design or high-level bridge, not a lift span
 - requests to maintain access for agricultural machinery and heavy vehicles including B-doubles during construction
 - requests to retain the existing bridge for its historical value
 - impacts to swimming pool and Riverside Park precinct need to be better understood
 - requests to maintain access for marine vessels during construction of the new bridge
 - requests to maintain the water tower
 - concerns about traffic congestion and heavy vehicles being channelled into the Swan Hill CBD.

This feedback on the preferred alignment is instrumental in helping Transport for NSW understand the community's preferences for the future Murray River crossing alignment and will inform further planning for a new bridge.

Timber Truss Road Bridges Strategy

In 2019, the NSW Government's Timber Truss Road Bridges Strategy was amended after considerable work to better understand the structural capabilities of the various timber bridge types and the strengthening methods available.

Changes to the strategy included retaining Tooleybuc Bridge and removing Swan Hill Bridge from the list of bridges to be retained.

More information about these changes can be found by viewing *Timber Truss Road Bridges - A Strategic Approach to Conservation* on the project website.

FAQS

When is construction expected to start? How long will it take?

The anticipated construction duration will be determined once a preferred design option has been selected. Construction funding and timing are yet to be confirmed.

How will construction impacts be handled?

Construction impacts will be identified and assessed in the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) or Environmental Effects Statement (EES) and proposed mitigation measures will be displayed to the public for feedback. Access is expected to remain via the existing Swan Hill Bridge for the duration of construction. Swan Hill Bridge will be decommissioned and removed once a new bridge has been built.

Next steps

We will now focus on the McCallum Street alignment and have begun preliminary design options. The community will be consulted again later this year to inform the preferred design option.

We will continue to maintain the existing Swan Hill Bridge to ensure it remains safe and serviceable for as long as it is needed.

Project timeline



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