

Windsor Bridge replacement project

Construction update – October 2020

Major work is continuing on the new Windsor Bridge to provide a safe and reliable crossing over the Hawkesbury River at Windsor, and help improve traffic flow.



Aerial view of the new Windsor Bridge and roundabout

The new bridge

The new Windsor Bridge has opened with two of the three traffic lanes and the shared pedestrian and cycle path in use. We have also upgraded the entrance to Freemans Reach Road, and opened the new roundabout on Wilberforce Road providing safer turning conditions for Freemans Reach Road and Macquarie Park.

There is still more work to be done with the final traffic upgrades expected to be completed by the end of the year, including:

- activating traffic lights at Bridge and George street intersection
- opening the third lane on the bridge providing two southbound lanes across the river
- opening a second left turn lane on the roundabout from the Wilberforce Road entry
- lifting the construction zone 40km/h speed limit

Landscaping

On the northern side, landscaping along Freemans Reach Road is now finished. Work will continue on the area around the bridge abutment.

On the southern side, we will continue landscaping work in the area leading down to Windsor Wharf Reserve and on Bridge Street, next to Thompson Square.

Roadwork

Northern side:

The road surface on Freemans Reach Road is now complete. There are temporary line markings in place until the third lane on the bridge is open. We are continuing work on property driveways along Wilberforce Road.

Southern side:

Work on Bridge Street will continue on road surfaces, kerbs and the shared path. We will also work to complete the concrete traffic barrier.

Structures

We are continuing work on the temporary structures being built on the southern embankment to support work on the viewing platform, as well as work on the new western stairs that extend from The Terrace to Thompson Square.

Existing bridge removal:

Work has started to remove the existing bridge. The bridge deck removal process started when span 3 was successfully removed. We will continue to remove the rest of the spans towards the northern side. We will remove span 2 later in the work program.

After we have completed removing the bridge spans, we will start work to remove the bridge piers shortly after. The complete bridge removal is expected to take about three months.

The waterway will generally remain open throughout the work and designated navigational passageways will be indicated with temporary markers. During some activities such as lifting and removing the bridge deck spans and bridge piers, the waterway will be temporarily closed to ensure public safety.

Utility relocations

Traffic lights

We are continuing work for the traffic lights at the intersection of George and Bridge Streets. We are installing underground cables, and hardware on Bridge Street between Macquarie Street and Freemans Reach Road.

On the northern side of the bridge, work is continuing on the underground pits and cables needed to support the intelligent transport systems. We are also installing similar infrastructure on Bridge Street near George Street, and working to connect the two sections.

Electrical

Work is continuing to upgrade the electrical network with new underground cables, street lighting and power poles on the southern side. This includes work for new lighting in Thompson Square and removing the high voltage overhead power poles on the western side of the river in Macquarie Park and in The Terrace.

Water

Work will continue to finalise Hawkesbury City Council's new recycled water main.

Our work schedule

In line with the changes to standard construction hours during the Coronavirus outbreak, work will take place on all days of the week including Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays between **7am** and **6pm**.

We will not work every Sunday and public holiday, instead only as required.

How the work will affect you

There may be some noise and disruption associated with this work, including vehicle movements. We are making every effort to minimise noise and disruption to the community during construction.

We will continue to notify affected residents separately before any proposed noisy or night work.

The Windsor Paddle Wheeler has reopened and is picking up and dropping off passengers from a temporary location at **Lower Portland Wharf**.

For more information contact Ian on:
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Traffic changes

The Temporary traffic changes (including lane closures, road closures and detours) will be in place to ensure work zones are safe. Please follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs.

For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Pedestrian access

There are temporary changes to pedestrian and cycle access on the northern side of the bridge. The path under the new bridge is currently closed, with an alternate path in place. See the map below for details.

Signage will remain in place directing pedestrians to cross Bridge Street at the pedestrian lights at the intersection of Bridge and Macquarie Streets.

The pram access ramps near George Street will remain closed to pedestrians until the new intersection traffic lights are in use. We ask pedestrians to follow the directions on the signs to safely cross Bridge Street.



Temporary pedestrian access changes on the northern side of the bridge

Contact

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

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