

# Windsor Bridge replacement project

## Construction update – September 2020

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



*Aerial view of the new Windsor Bridge and roundabout*

The new Windsor Bridge has two of its three lanes, and the new roundabout on Wilberforce Road open to traffic. The upgrade of Freemans Reach Road will be finished in early September, and this will complete the connections into the roundabout.

## Landscaping

On the northern side we will be finalising the landscaping along Freemans Reach Road in preparation for the reopening. We will also work around the northern abutment area.

On the southern side landscaping will continue in the area next to the stairs leading down to Windsor Wharf Reserve.

## Roadwork

### Northern side:

In early September we will complete the pavement on Freemans Reach Road and will reopen the road to road users and residents. This new pavement will connect with the newly paved section completed by Hawkesbury City Council during the road closure.

### Southern side:

Work on Bridge Street will continue on new road surfaces, kerbs and underground drainage.

## Structures

We will be working on the concrete traffic barrier along Bridge Street and continuing work on the new western stairs that extend from The Terrace to Thompson Square.

### New viewing platform:

The first span of the bridge, including the pier structure, will be retained as a viewing platform which will include heritage interpretation signage. We will start construction for the temporary structures that are being built on the embankment to support this work.

### Existing bridge removal:

Early work to remove the old Windsor Bridge has started and major removal work will start in early September. The bridge removal will be done in three stages commencing with the bridge deck, which will be done in sections starting from the second span on the southern side.

Removal of the bridge piers, one after another, will start about three weeks after the deck removal. The complete removal of the bridge is expected to take about three months to complete.

We will be using both land based and barge mounted equipment during the bridge removal. The waterway will remain open throughout the work and designated navigational passageways will be indicated with temporary markers.

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

For more information contact Ian on:  
**0401 798 088**

## Utility relocations

### Traffic lights

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

On the northern side of the bridge, work has started on the underground pits and cables needed to support the intelligent transport system (ITS). We will also install similar infrastructure on Bridge Street near George Street, and then work to connect to two sections.

### Electrical

Work is continuing to upgrade the electrical network with new underground cables, street lighting and power poles on both sides of the river. This includes work for new lighting in Thompson square and removing the high voltage overhead powerlines on the western side of the river.

### Water

Work will continue to commission the new drinking water main and 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.

## Traffic changes

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.

The Freemans Reach Road and Wilberforce Road intersection will reopen to motorists and residents early September. Signage will advise road users and residents when the road opens.

We thank the community for your patience and understanding while we have completed this important part of the project.

For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

## Pedestrian access

The pedestrian and cyclist shared path on the new Windsor Bridge is now open to the community. This provides a safer access across the river and into Macquarie Park.

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

The new 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.

## Contact

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

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