

# Windsor Bridge replacement project

## Construction update – July 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.



*The new Windsor Bridge open to traffic*

The new Windsor Bridge opened two of its three lanes, and the new roundabout on Wilberforce Road to traffic in May this year. There is more to be done as we work towards completing the entire project early next year.

## Landscaping

We are currently working on the landscaping the south eastern side of the new bridge, next to the new stairs with new plantings and turf. We are also starting work to replace the log wall on The Terrace in Windsor Wharf Reserve, with a new sandstone wall.

## Roadwork

### Northern side

We are continuing to work on the pavement and installing new drainage on Freemans Reach Road. Public access to the road will remain closed until the work is complete. We appreciate the patience and understanding of the community.

### Southern side

We are also working on the pavement and installing drainage at George Street and along Bridge Street, next to the new road and The Terrace.

### The new bridge and stairs

We will start building the new stairs that will extend from The Terrace up to the Thompson Square roadway.

We will remove the temporary platforms on the new bridge and start painting the bridge piers and concrete barriers.

Work is starting on a new concrete barrier on the western side of the southern approach. We are also installing metal cover-plates on the bridge.

Some of the finishing work, such as polishing the handrails, is underway around the two sets of stairs on either side of the bridge.

### Preparing for bridge removal

To prepare for the upcoming bridge removal, we will carry out some minor work around the north and south abutments of the existing bridge.

We will also start to set up some of the specialist equipment and put in waterway management controls around the piers.

## Utility relocations

### Traffic lights

We are continuing work to install new underground cables on Bridge Street between Macquarie Street and George Street, as well as installing new poles, cameras and service boxes.

We are also putting in new infrastructure including pits and cables on the northern side of the bridge to support the intelligent transport system infrastructure for the new intersection.

Archaeological salvage work will continue to take place around Thompson Square and The Terrace.

## Electrical

Work will continue to upgrade the electrical network with new underground cables, street lighting and power poles on both the northern and southern sides of the bridge.

We may also need to do some ground investigation work in Thompson Square.

## Communications

Work will continue to install new Telstra and NBN services in underground pits, pipes and cables on both sides of the bridge.

## Water and sewer

Work will continue with upgrading the existing sewer between the north and south sides of the river. We will continue to install new sewers and connect them to the existing sewer network.

Work to install new water pipes on both southern and northern approaches is ongoing. The water mains on the southern side have been redesigned to ensure they do not impact the section of brick barrel drain recently uncovered during work.

## 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, 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 the work zone is safe. Please follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs.

Access to Freemans Reach Road at Wilberforce Road is still closed. A detour is in place via Gorricks Lane and Kurmond Road. Access is available for residents from Gorricks Lane.

We thank the community for your ongoing patience during this work.

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 new pedestrian path is open on the northern side of the river.

There has been a short delay opening the shared path on the new bridge, and we are working to have this and the Macquarie Park access path open in the coming weeks.

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 not be open 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

We thank you for your patience during this important work.

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