

# Windsor Bridge replacement project

## Construction update – May and June 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.



Traffic on the new Windsor Bridge

The new Windsor Bridge is now open to traffic following an extended weekend of work. This is a significant milestone, but there is more to be done as we work towards completing the project early next year.

## Next stages of work

Over the coming months work will be focused on:

- Transferring utility services from the existing bridge to the new bridge
- Progressing the landscaping in Thompson Square including:
  - removing trees as per the approved project design and replanting new
  - levelling the existing road
  - laying sandstone cladding on the retaining wall
- Finalising the stairs connecting Thompson Square and The Terrace
- Completing the roadwork on The Terrace
- Preparing work to remove the existing bridge

Work to be carried out over **May and June 2020** is detailed in this notice.

## Tree removal

A number of trees were identified for removal as part of the approved project plans. This includes two Silky Oak trees at the corner of Bridge and George Streets and trees at the base of the old road. We will remove these trees over the coming weeks.

Work to remove these trees will occur over a number of day and night shifts. We need to carry out some of this work at night so we can safely access the road and minimise traffic disruption. We will notify surrounding residents before any night work starts.

Please note, the large Hoop Pine “Christmas Tree” in Thompson Square will continue to remain unaffected.

The project landscaping plan involves extensive re-planting in Thompson Square and across the project area as well as filling and re-shaping the area to bring together the open space in Thompson Square and connecting it to the river.

## Roadwork

### Northern side:

Access to Freemans Reach Road will be closed for about 12 weeks, while we work on levelling the road and reconstructing the road surface. We will also install new stormwater drainage in the project area along Freemans Reach Road.

Work will also continue on the new access road to Macquarie Park.

### Southern side:

We will install new stormwater drainage on Bridge Street and carry out earthwork in the lower part of Thompson Square. We will also work to finalise the road surface along The Terrace.

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

## Utility relocations

### Traffic lights

Work will continue to install new underground cables on Bridge Street between Macquarie Street and George Street. New infrastructure including pits, cables and footings will go in, on the northern side of the bridge to support the intelligent transport system infrastructure.

We will also install new cabling between Macquarie Street, George Street and Freemans Reach Road, along with new poles, cameras and service boxes.

### Electrical

We are continuing to upgrade the electrical network with new underground cables, street lighting and power poles on both sides.

### Communications

We will continue to install new Telstra and NBN services in underground pits, pipes and cabling on both sides.

### Water and sewer

Work is continuing to upgrade the existing sewer between the north and south sides of the river. We are also installing new sewers and connecting them to the existing sewers. Work to install new water pipes in both southern and northern approaches is ongoing.

Work on the new water main will also continue along The Terrace.

## 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 during these extra days every weekend, but just as required.

### Design Modification approved

Transport for NSW proposed two minor design changes for the construction of Windsor Bridge. Following exhibition of the proposed modification, Transport lodged a Submissions Report with The Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment (DPIE) for determination. The design modification has been approved and is published on the DPIE website.

The Modification Report and Submissions Report are available to view on the project page.

## 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 is now closed for about 12 weeks. A detour is in place and access is available for residents from Gorricks Lane.

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

Pedestrian access will continue on the existing bridge and a temporary pathway for about a week after the new bridge opens. Signs will remain in place to help direct pedestrians until the new pedestrian access is open.

In the coming week pedestrians will use the shared path on the new bridge and connecting footpaths on either side.

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

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

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