

Pacific Highway Upgrade through Wyong Town Centre

Refined concept design fact sheet

July 2024



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To view detailed plans and comment on the proposed changes, visit the interactive portal nswroads.work/wtc. Submissions can also be made via email to wtcproject@aecom.com



The Pacific Highway Upgrade, Wyong Town Centre project will provide two lanes in each direction from Johnson Road at Tuggerah through Wyong Town Centre, and replace the Wyong River road bridge with a new four lane bridge.

The upgrade will improve traffic flow, travel times and safety for all road users as well as provide for future improvements to the public transport network.

The project will also improve connectivity to and across the Pacific Highway and Main North Railway, with improved intersections and a new wider and longer bridge at Rose Street.

We are now presenting a refined concept design for community consultation. We invite the community and other interested stakeholders to submit feedback by **11 August 2024**, to help inform next steps for the project.





How has Transport developed the proposed design?

Transport worked closely with the community from 2008 to 2015 to develop the concept design for the Pacific Highway Upgrade through Wyong Town Centre. The local community and businesses provided critical feedback and were involved in consultation sessions to determine the concept design, completed in 2015.

The Australian Government has committed \$420 million, jointly with the NSW Government, to move the project ahead.

Throughout 2023 and early 2024, Transport has consulted with key stakeholders, carried out additional traffic studies and assessments to assist with understanding present-day issues.

In addition to engaging with key stakeholders, Transport has been preparing for construction by carrying out essential geotechnical and contamination investigations, utility investigations and environmental studies.

The work completed has identified a number of ways to refine the 2015 concept design and improve the project to better serve the community.

The broader community and other stakeholders are now invited to provide comment on the refined concept design. Feedback received will be used to refine and improve the design further.

Key reasons for updating the design

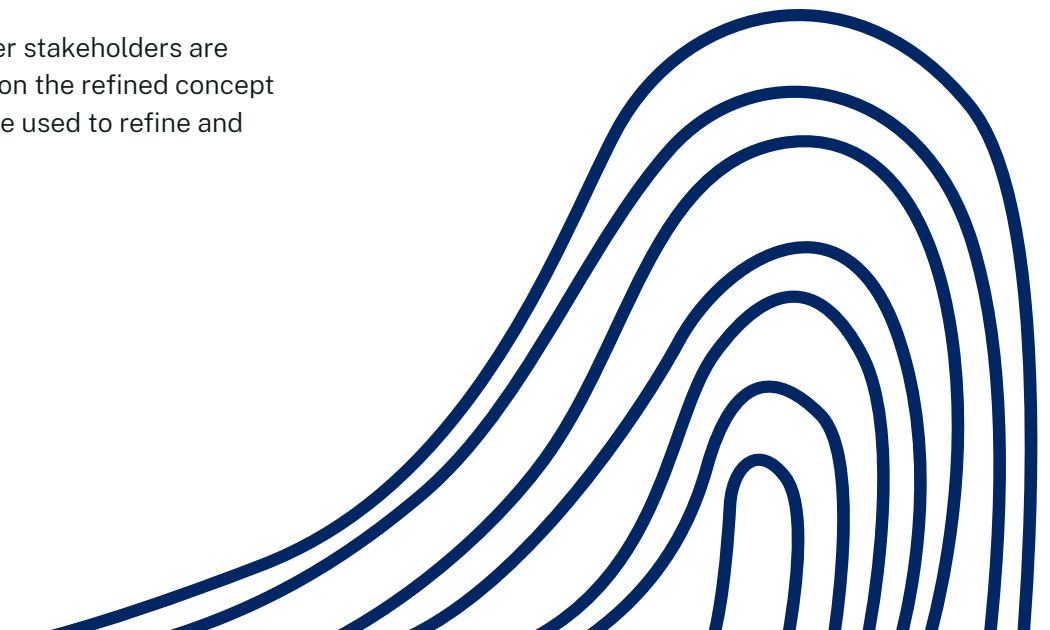
The previous concept design was prepared almost ten years ago. As the project has progressed, the communities' expectations of transport projects have changed. Individual stakeholder requirements, policies and standards have also changed.

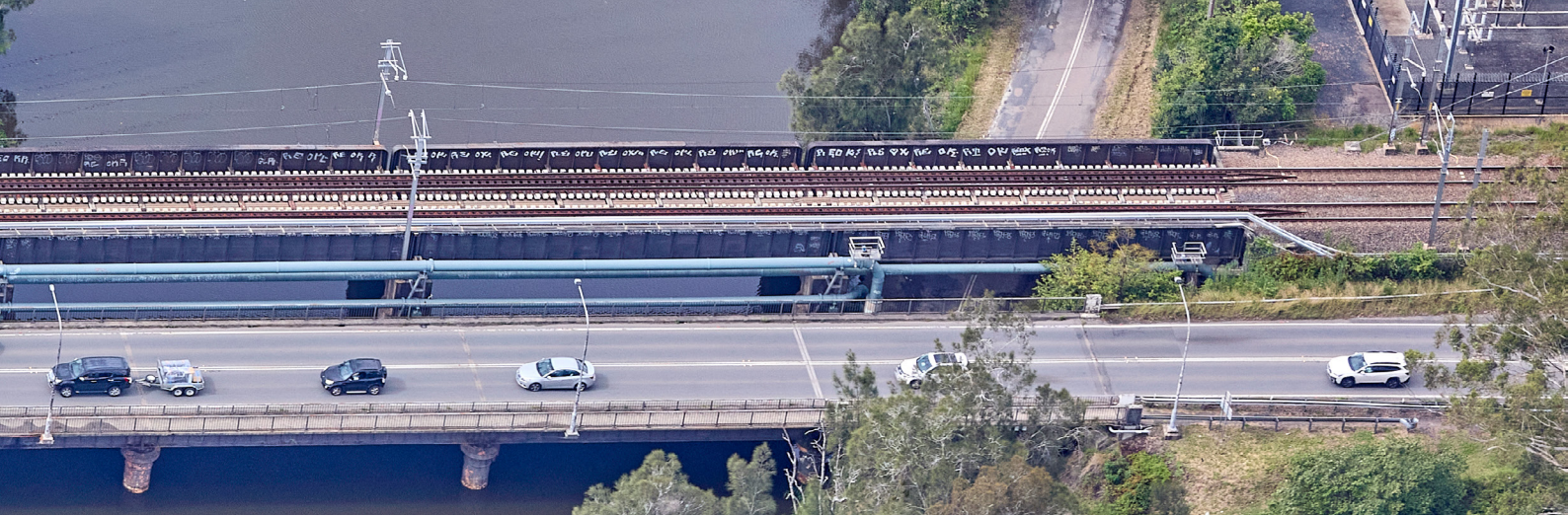
Transport has also focused on the best way to construct the project, to ensure that key risks are addressed and the project provides value for money.

Concept design

The project is presented in three separate sections along the Pacific Highway:

- Johnson Road to Church Street (southern zone)
- Wyong Station Precinct and Town Centre (central zone)
- Anzac Avenue to Cutler Drive (northern zone).





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Community drop-in sessions

Community members can access the latest information on the refined concept designs for the Wyong Town Centre project through two drop-in sessions to be held at the Wyong Race Club & Function Centre.

The drop-in sessions will be held:

**Magic Millions room
71-73 Howarth St, Wyong**

on the following dates

**Tuesday 30 July 1-4pm and
Thursday 1 August 4-7pm.**

The sessions will provide a chance for the community to meet members of the project team and get answers to their questions about the project.

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Submissions close on 11 August 2024.



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Johnson Road to Church Street (southern zone)

Key features

- Widening of the Pacific Highway to four lanes, connecting with the existing four lane section along Tuggerah Straight
- A new intersection at McPherson Road, and realignment of South Tacoma Road
- A new four lane bridge over Wyong River
- Demolition of the existing Wyong River bridge
- Upgrades to Panonia Road and River Road, with a new left in, left out intersection with the Pacific Highway
- Retaining wall structures associated with the new bridge and adjacent to the rail corridor.

What we've improved from the 2015 concept design

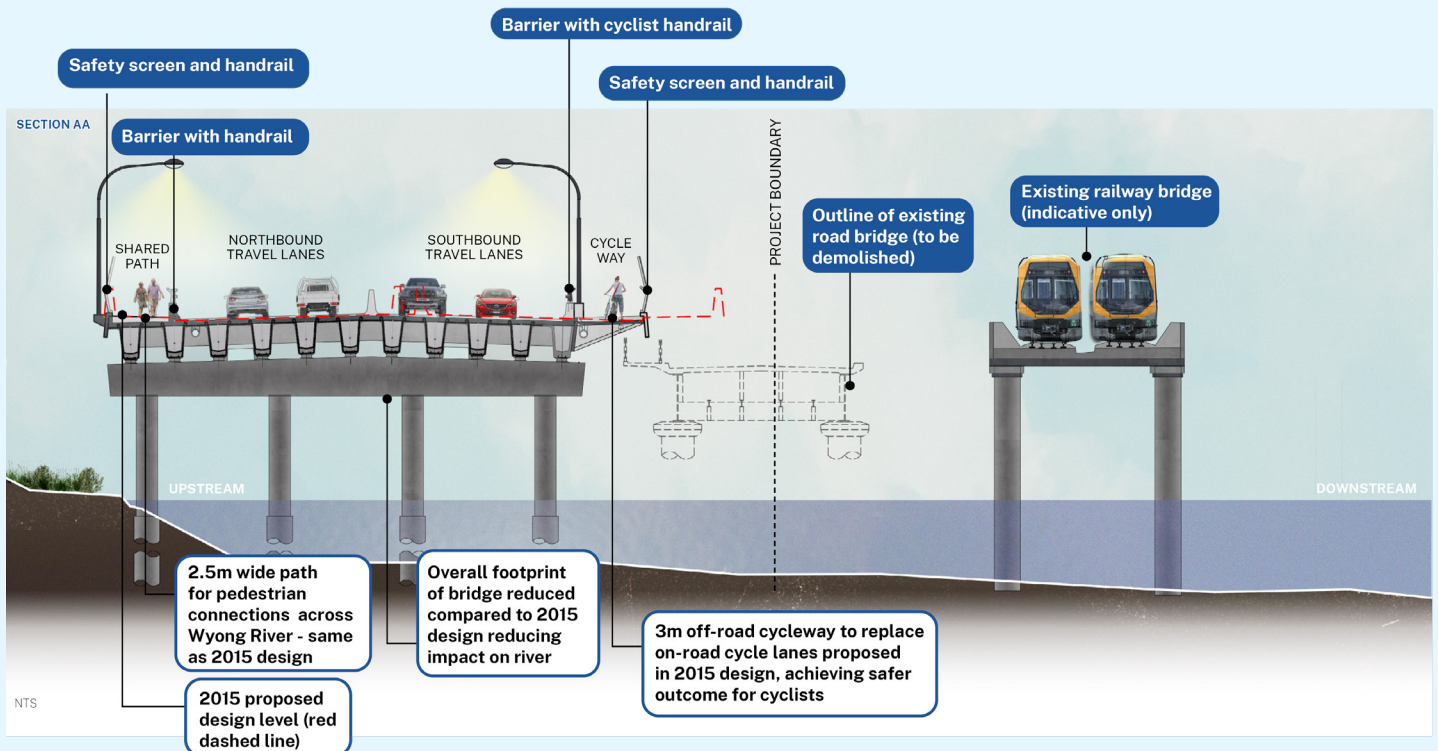
Active transport improvements

A two-way off-road cycleway has been provided along the eastern side of the Pacific Highway, to connect to the existing facility along Tuggerah Straight. This provides a safe way for people of all abilities to ride in this area completely separated from vehicles.

Additional shared paths have also been provided along South Tacoma Road, Wyong River bridge and Panonia Road to support people walking and cycling in this area.

Design changes at McPherson Road

The McPherson Road intersection has been changed from a roundabout to a signalised intersection. A u-turn facility will be provided on South Tacoma Road. This change maintains safe and reliable access for vehicles while improving connections for people walking and cycling in the area.



Typical section showing the new Wyong River road bridge, next to the existing rail bridge.



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Wyong Station and Town Centre (central zone)

Key features

- New signalised intersections at Church Street and Rose Street bridge, and removal of the existing traffic signals at Alison Road
- Relocation of rail commuter parking to an expanded car park at Rose Street
- Relocation of bus facilities along Pacific Highway, with a new bus layover constructed on the eastern side of Wyong Train Station
- A new bridge over the railway at Rose Street that is wider and longer than the existing bridge
- Demolition of the existing bridge over the railway
- Maintain on-street parking along the Pacific Highway to support local businesses.



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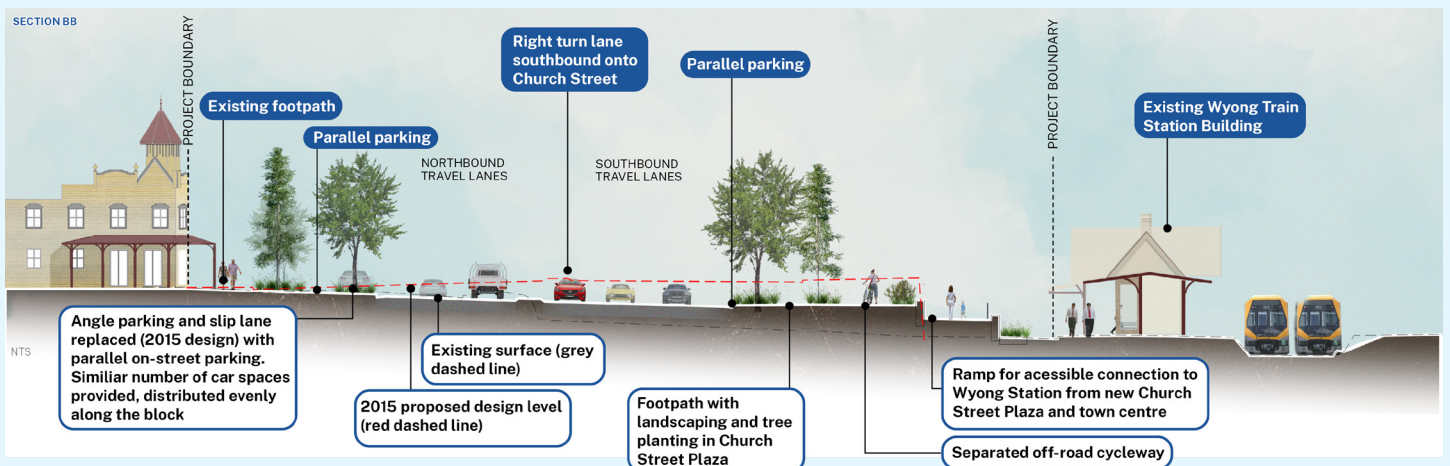
Church Street Plaza and bus stop facilities

Access to Wyong Train Station will be provided at Church Street, instead of via an extended pedestrian overpass bridge. Bus stops have also been relocated to Church Street, and a new plaza will be constructed to provide more efficient connections between buses, trains and the Wyong Town Centre. The signals at the Church Street intersection will provide safe, convenient connections from the plaza to local businesses and schools in Wyong Town Centre.

Streetscape improvements through the Town Centre

Wider footpaths, additional space for landscape planting, and other urban amenity improvements have been provided between Church Street and Rose Street to encourage more people to walk in the area and to support an activated, bustling precinct.

The separated cycleway will continue through the central zone on the eastern side of the Pacific Highway to encourage more people to ride to and from Wyong safely, completely separated from traffic.



Typical section of the Pacific Highway near Church Street intersection, showing connection to Wyong Train Station.

Wyong Station and Town Centre (central zone)

Rose Street bridge

The new bridge over the railway at Rose Street has been shifted slightly closer to Alison Road and provides three lanes, to improve construction staging. Additionally, Robley Lane would be closed from the Pacific Highway to improve pedestrian accessibility and facilitate the new bridge location.

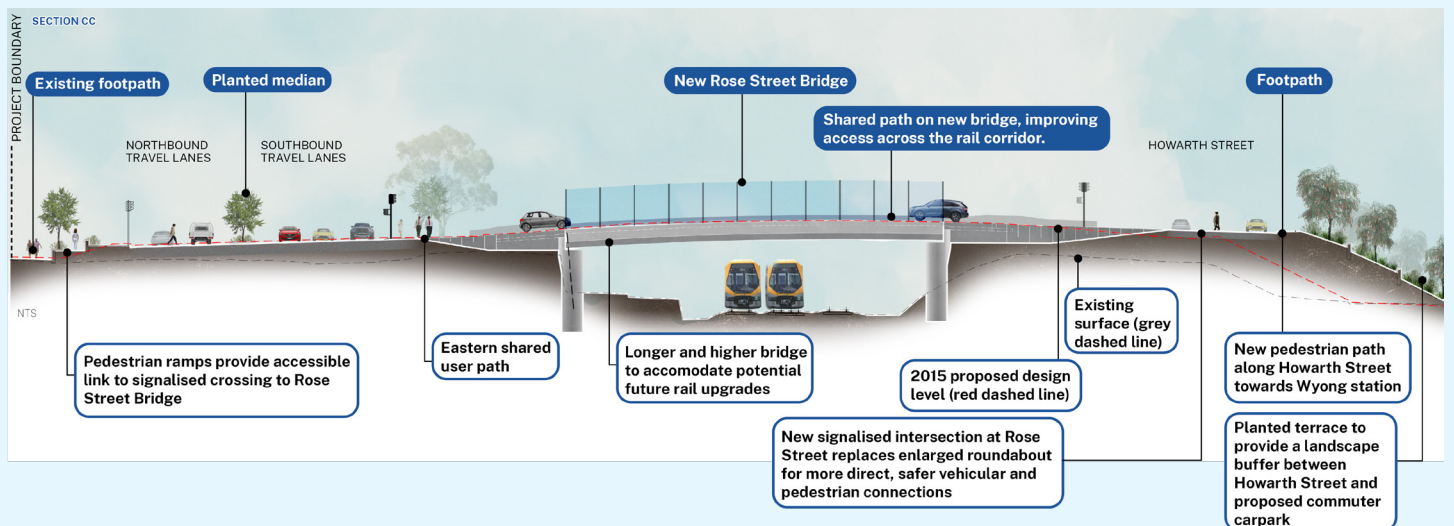
Howarth Street

The intersection of Howarth Street and Rose Street bridge has been re-designed as a signalised intersection to help manage traffic flows during special events (for example at Baker Park or Wyong Racecourse). It will also significantly improve walking and cycling connections between the Town Centre and key destinations such as the racecourse and netball courts. Rose Street will be closed for vehicles from Howarth Street, with access provided from Warner Avenue.



Rose Street car park

The design changes at Rose Street bridge and Howarth Street would result in a larger car park area, which will be constructed as a ground-level car park. The car park has been designed to support a future expansion as a multi-storey car park.



Typical section of the Pacific Highway at Rose Street bridge, showing the new bridge over the Main North Railway.



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Anzac Avenue to Cutler Drive (north)

Key features

- New signalised intersections at Anzac Avenue, North Road and Cutler Drive are provided to improve safety and accessibility to Wyong Town Centre and Watanobbi
- Relocation of utilities and drainage to facilitate road widening
- Upgraded bus stops at North Road and Cutler Drive.

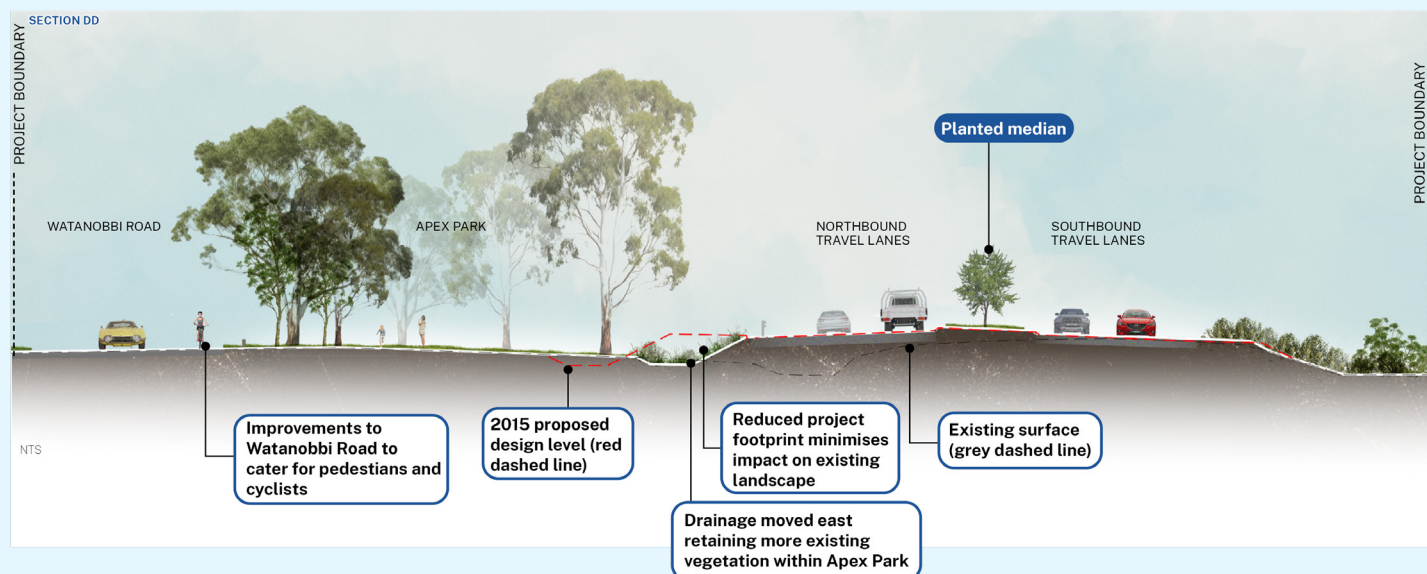
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Apex Park

We have reduced the footprint of the project to minimise tree removal at Apex Park. A road connection from the Pacific Highway to Apex Park will no longer be provided. Existing access to the park will be maintained from North Road. Watanobbi Road, which runs through the park, will be upgraded to a shared zone to support more people walking and cycling through this area, while allowing vehicles access to park.

Active transport improvements

A two-way off-road cycleway has been provided along the eastern side of the Pacific Highway extending from the Town Centre to North Road, where people can cross at the signals to connect to North Wyong and Watanobbi using local streets. The cycleway is physically separated from traffic to provide a safe place for people of all abilities to ride. The design will support the extension of the cycleway further north in future.



Typical section of the Pacific Highway north of North Road, showing Watanobbi Road and Apex Park.



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What happens next?

Transport will use your feedback to continue to refine and improve the design.

An Addendum Review of Environmental Factors (AREF) will be prepared which will outline how Transport has responded to community feedback. The AREF will also assess the environmental and social impacts of the design changes, including traffic and transport, noise, urban design, heritage and business impacts.

Subject to timing for funding release, procurement for a delivery partner to complete the detailed design and begin construction work is expected to commence in 2025.

We will keep the community informed as the project progresses.

Project progress



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