Transport for NSW

Six month lookahead North Sydney & Neutral Bay (south of Falcon Street)

Warringah Freeway Upgrade September 2025





Transport for NSW acknowledges the Cammeraygal people of the Eora nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

We are simplifying the Warringah Freeway, making it safer and easier to use, and more efficient and reliable for the benefit of all road users, including public transport users.

What is happening?

Work will continue over the next six months in North Sydney and Neutral Bay between Milsons Point and Falcon Street, North Sydney.

This community update provides information about upgrade work and major milestones to be achieved over the next six months in North Sydney and Neutral Bay.

You will see us setting up some more work areas along the freeway lanes, reopening intersections as well as landscaping areas that are nearing completion.

The Warringah Freeway Upgrade is expected to be completed in late 2026.

We acknowledge our work has been disruptive for the surrounding community and would like to thank all residents for your patience while we safely continue to carry out our work in your area throughout 2025 and 2026.

Click the links on the map from page 2 for more information about our work at each location over the last and next six months.

Key milestones achieved

The project has achieved key milestones, some of which include:

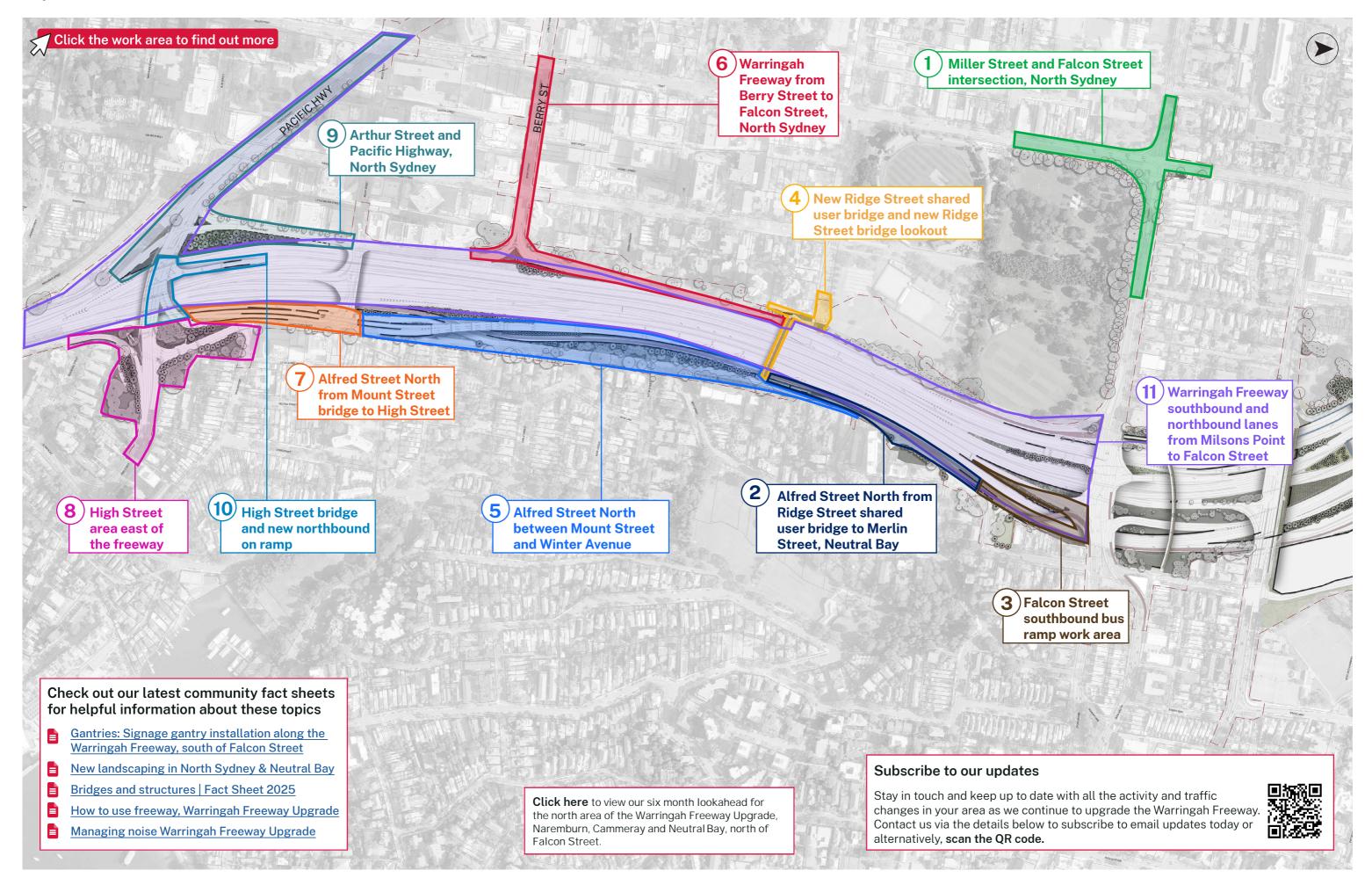
- · opening the Alfred Street off ramp
- · opening the Mount Street underpass
- completing 55% landscaping
- · completing 74% drainage installation
- installing 98% of utilities
- completing 94% of earthworks and excavation
- installing new traffic infrastructure like electronic signage
- · building new pedestrian and cycling paths
- implementing 210 temporary and permanent traffic changes
- completing 50% of asphalting and concrete installation
- south completion 73% overall.



Images: Alfred Steet off ramp and Mount Street underpass.



Key milestones for the next six months



1. Miller Street and Falcon Street intersection, North Sydney

We are upgrading the Miller Street and Falcon Street intersection to improve safety and traffic flow. The upgraded intersection will include a dedicated left turn lane from Miller Street southbound to Falcon Street eastbound, and an additional right turn lane from Falcon Street westbound to Miller Street northbound.



Continue relocating services and utilities



Complete construction of retaining wall



Complete construction of new footpaths and pavements



Start work to upgrade traffic signals



Images: Miller and Falcon Street intersection, North Sydney in May 2025.

2. Alfred Street North from Ridge Street shared user bridge to Merlin Street, Neutral Bay

We have been continuing to remove old and build new, retaining walls and install new pavement along Alfred Street North. We are carrying out this work to accommodate widening of the freeway and construction of the new Falcon Street southbound bus on-ramp, landing at freeway level near Merlin Street, Neutral Bay.



Continue utility work including installing drainage and finalising water connections



Continue pavement and footpath construction work



Install the new
noise wall and the
green plexiglass
panels along Alfred
Street North,
between Ridge
Street and Merlin
Street



Implement temporary traffic changes, and temporary pedestrian and cycling diversions



Install lighting and signage



Complete retaining wall work.



Image: Alfred Street North, between Ridge Street and Merlin Street, in March 2025.



Image: Alfred Street North, between Ridge Street and Merlin Street, in June 2025.



Image: Alfred Street North, between Ridge Street and Merlin Street, in April 2025.



3. Falcon Street southbound bus ramp work area

We are building a dedicated southbound bus on ramp from Falcon Street, Neutral Bay to the Warringah Freeway. The dedicated bus on ramp will be a separated, raised bridge, removing the need for buses to use the existing on ramp that currently serves both buses and general traffic.

The new on ramp will be used exclusively as a bus lane. The bus on ramp will begin at Falcon Street bridge and land on the easternmost side of the freeway, eliminating conflicts with merging and weaving general traffic and improving overall safety for buses.



Complete retaining wall work



Install the headlight screens on the bus bridge deck



Complete asphalting and linemarking work on the bus bridge deck



Complete landscaping and tree planting work around the bus bridge



Complete lighting and signage installation



Open the new Falcon Street southbound bus ramp to traffic



Image: Falcon Street southbound bus ramp in March 2025.



Image: Falcon Street southbound bus ramp in June 2025.



Image: Falcon Street southbound bus ramp in March 2025.



4. New Ridge Street shared user bridge and new Ridge Street bridge lookout

In December 2024, we successfully opened the new Ridge Street shared user bridge to pedestrians and cyclists, and we have constructed 85% of the new Ridge Street bridge lookout.

The new bridge is located 40 metres to the south of where the existing Ridge Street shared user bridge used to be. The new bridge will be wider than the existing Ridge Street bridge and will includes a new shared access ramp, lift access and will feature a newly designed Ridge Street lookout.



Install new architectural panels on the new Ridge Street shared user bridge and lookout



Construct and install the lift for the new Ridge Street shared user bridge



Install paving for the footpath near Ridge Street



Install lighting and signage



Commence landscaping work on the western side of Ridge Street



Open the new Ridge Street bridge lookout to the community.



Image: Ridge Street shared user bridge in June 2025.



Image: Ridge Street shared user bridge in March 2025.

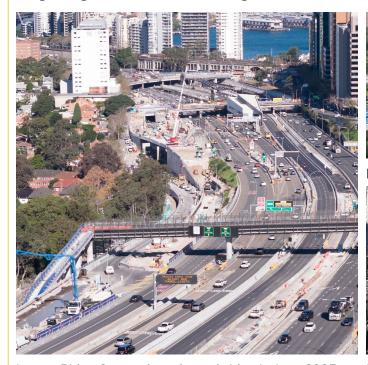


Image: Ridge Street shared user bridge in June 2025.



Image: Ridge Street shared user bridge in March 2025.



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5. Alfred Street North between Mount Street and Winter Avenue

In November 2024, we temporarily closed access to the Alfred Street southbound off ramp exit via the Warringah Freeway to achieve several significant benefits for the community including completing stages of work sooner with less impact and reducing noisy night work. In mid-2025, we successfully opened part of the new off ramp overpass structure to North Sydney, Neutral Bay and Kirribilli.

When fully completed, the new Alfred Street southbound off ramp will provide dedicated and separated access for general motorists to High Street and the Cahill Expressway from the Warringah Freeway. It passes over the new southbound bus lane and connects the southbound lanes of the Warringah Freeway to the Cahill Expressway via the new Mount Street underpass and High Street via two lanes on the new overpass.

Additionally, we are constructing new retaining walls between the new Alfred Street North overpass structure and the Mount Street underpass. We are also building new kerbs, footpath, and road surfaces on Alfred Street North to connect into the Ridge Street shared user bridge ramp and lift access.



Complete building the retaining walls along Alfred Street North, between Mount Street and Winter Avenue



Open the permanent new bus lane from Ridge Street to High Street



Install lighting and signage



Start landscaping work



Image: Alfred Street off ramp in March 2025.



Image: Alfred Street off ramp in February 2025.



Image: Alfred Street off ramp in May 2025.



Image: Alfred Street off ramp in June 2025.



6. Warringah Freeway from Berry Street to Falcon Street, North Sydney

We are continuing to construct the Warringah Freeway northbound lanes, between Berry Street and Falcon Street, including demolishing and reconstructing road pavement and structures, installing drainage pits and pipes, locating services and utilities, and realigning traffic lanes and altering existing line marking to establish temporary work areas.



Demolish and reconstruct road pavement and structures



Continue pavement widening work



Continue installing signage, lighting, gantries, and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)



Continue installing concrete safety barriers



Continue to realign traffic and alter existing line marking to establish temporary work areas



Image: Warringah Freeway and Berry Street on ramp in February 2025.



Image: Warringah Freeway and Berry Street on ramp in June 2025.



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Image: Warringah Freeway and Berry Street Image: Warringah Freeway and Berry Street on ramp in June 2025.

7. Alfred Street North from Mount Street bridge to High Street

We are upgrading the Mount Street bridge which will include:

- three south-facing on ramps to connect traffic from Mount Street to the Warringah Freeway southbound, including one dedicated ramp for buses
- a new underpass for general freeway traffic travelling from the Warringah Freeway to the Cahill Expressway.

Once completed, the upgraded Mount Street interchange will provide direct connections to the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Cahill Expressway and the citybound bus lane.

The new underpass will improve safety by removing the existing 400 metre weave between buses and general traffic on the freeway north of High Street.

Over the next six months we are planning to:



Complete the Traffic Control Systems (TCS) work and finishing works as per the permanent alignment for Mount Street and Alfred Street North



Complete the finishing works for the new eastern on ramp at Mount Street including the installing the required barriers, asphalt, lighting and line marking



Complete the finishing works for the new Mount Street underpass including the installing the required barriers, asphalt, lighting and line marking



Open the Mount Street and Alfred Street intersection, including the right turn from Mount Street to Alfred Street North southbound



Complete the new landscaping works



Image: Alfred Street North from Mount Street bridge to High Street in May 2025.



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8. High Street area east of the freeway

We are upgrading the High Street and Alfred Street North intersection to improve connectivity and safety as the North Sydney community continues to grow.

The High Street upgrade includes:

- · widening and upgrading the High Street bridge with four westbound lanes and two eastbound lanes
- building a new pedestrian and cycling path on the southern side of the High Street bridge
- installing a new northbound on ramp from High Street to the Warringah Freeway (this will become operational when the Western Harbour Tunnel project is completed)
- · upgrading the Alfred Street southbound off ramp to create a direct connection to High Street
- · installing traffic lights at the High Street and Alfred Street North intersection
- installing new medians and line marking to and from Whaling Road via Alfred Street North.



Complete pavement work on Whaling Road, Alfred Street North and High Street



Complete all kerb installation



Install lighting, signage, and gantries



Install the new noise wall and the green plexiglass panels on McDougall Street



Complete Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) backbone installation



Switch traffic at the Alfred St North and High Street intersection to enable completion of the High Street bridge work



Image: High Street area east of the freeway in January 2025.



Image: High Street area east of the freeway in December 2024.



Image: High Street area east of the freeway in May 2025.



9. Arthur Street and Pacific Highway, North Sydney

We are reconfiguring lanes along Arthur Street from the intersection with the Pacific Highway and High Street to Mount Street to include an additional northbound kerbside traffic lane. The upgraded Arthur Street and Mount Street intersection will allow for three right turn lanes into Mount Street eastbound and one left turn lane into Mount Street westbound.



Complete all drainage installation along Arthur Street



Complete pavement work on Arthur Street and High Street



Complete Traffic Control Systems (TCS) upgrade at High Street and Pacific Highway intersection



Complete Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) backbone installation



Image: Arthur Street and Pacific Highway, North Sydney in January 2025.



Image: Arthur Street and Pacific Highway, North Sydney in April 2025.



Image: Arthur Street and Pacific Highway, North Sydney in May 2025.



10. High Street bridge and new northbound on ramp

We are upgrading and widening the High Street bridge which will feature four westbound lanes and two eastbound lanes to provide improved capacity to and from North Sydney via Pacific Highway. We are also building a new pedestrian and cycling path on the south side of the High Street bridge, and a new northbound on ramp from the High Street bridge onto the Warringah Freeway. The new northbound on ramp won't be operational until the Western Harbour Tunnel project is complete.



Complete bridge deck and barrier installation for both High Street bridge widening and the new High Street northbound on ramp



Complete the new shared footpath on the widened High Street bridge and open to the public



Complete traffic switch onto the new widened High Street bridge



Complete the removal of the existing High St bridge footpath and barriers



Image: High Street bridge widening and new northbound on ramp in March 2025.



Image: High Street bridge widening in May 2025.



Image: High Street bridge widening in April 2025.



Image: High Street bridge widening in December 2024.



11. Warringah Freeway southbound and northbound lanes from Milsons Point to Falcon Street

We have been continuing work to install Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), drainage, signage, lighting, gantries, and pavement widening work along all northbound and southbound lanes.

We are reconfiguring and upgrading the Warringah Freeway southbound and northbound lanes to:

- · simplify traffic flow and wayfinding
- optimise the road corridor and improve the performance of the Sydney Harbour Tunnel and the Sydney Harbour Bridge
- facilitate the surface road works, including upgrades to existing interchanges, such as at High Street.

Over the next six months we are planning to:



Complete locating services and utilities, and surveying work



Continue installing drainage pits and pipes



Continue installing concrete safety barriers



Continue installing signage, lighting, and gantries



Continue installing signage, lighting, and gantries



Continue to realign traffic and alter existing line marking to establish temporary work areas



Image: Warringah Freeway in May 2025.



Image: Warringah Freeway in June 2025.



Image: Warringah Freeway in June 2025.



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We're planning to work throughout the October long weekend, and the holiday period in December 2025 and January 2026

With fewer vehicles using the Warringah Freeway during long weekends and the holiday period, we can put extended duration lane closures in place. When extended duration traffic lane closures are in place, we can safely access work areas that we would not normally have access to for longer periods. This increases our project's efficiency, reducing the overall impact to the community compared to delivering this work during single night lane closures or extended weekend shifts.

- improving productivity ultimately shortening the time our project impacts the community
- reducing the amount of noisy night shift
- reducing traffic impacts due to lower traffic volumes.

We will provide more information to the community about the upcoming holiday period work and temporary traffic changes once we have confirmation of the work areas and the work that will take place.

Reducing the impact to you

Our work activities will require the use of machinery that generates noise, light and vibration. We implement extensive controls to ensure any noise impacts are mitigated as much as possible.

If you have any comments you would like to provide on the planned work activities, or if you have personal circumstances you need to discuss with us, we would like to hear from you. You can contact us at 1800 931 189 or by emailing whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au

For the latest work updates, please refer to our latest out of hours three month work notification which can be found online at nswroads.work/wfuportal.

When will we be working?

Most of our work will take place during the day from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and from 8am to 6pm on Saturdays. For the safety of the public and our workers, and to minimise traffic impacts, we will need to use the site for some work at night from 8pm to 8am. We will notify local residents ahead of any night work. There may be occasions where we need to change the sequence of nights, we work outside standard construction hours so we can complete the activity sooner. We will notify you in advance of any changes.

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