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M1 Pacific Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace

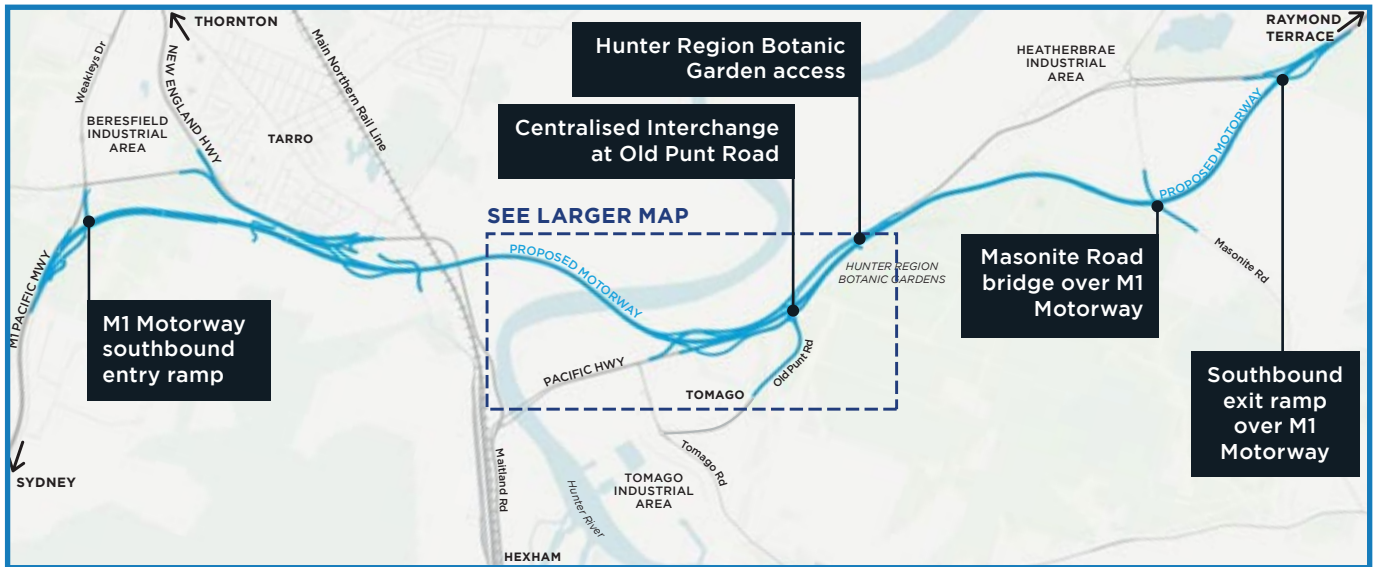
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Hexham Bridge over the Hunter River

The M1 Motorway and A1 Pacific Highway are critical links in the National Land Transport Network and among the busiest transport corridors in Australia. The project addresses a key 'missing link' between Sydney and Brisbane.

The existing M1 Motorway, New England Highway and Pacific Highway carry some of the highest traffic volumes across the Hunter.



M1 Pacific Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace project overview map

Proposal overview

The M1 Pacific Motorway extension would bypass the congestion and merge points along this corridor and is predicted to reduce traffic volumes across the existing network.

The proposed extension would also reduce traffic volumes on the New England Highway which would improve traffic flow and access for motorists travelling between Newcastle and Maitland.

Transport for NSW has carried out additional investigations to identify necessary improvements to the road network surrounding the project area. This work included further assessing the M1 Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace, considering potential staging and examining other nearby potential projects.

We have also carried out additional consultation with key stakeholders to further refine the design. We recognise the M1 Motorway extension design is important to the community and have listened to

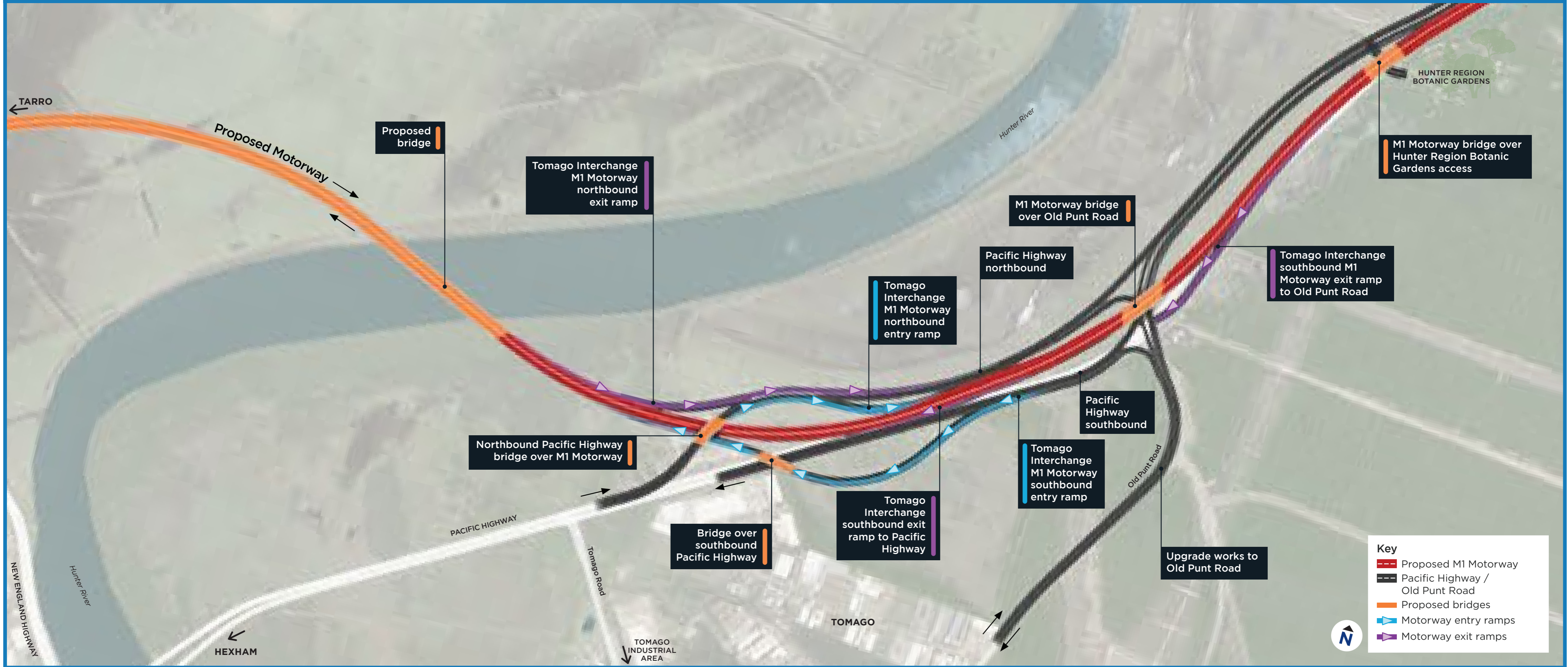
previous feedback about various elements of the proposed concept design, including interchange designs and improved access to the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens.

Design improvements since 2016

- Improved direct access from the Pacific Highway in and out of the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists
- A centralised interchange located at Old Punt Road to improve connectivity, road transport efficiency and safety for all motorists, and minimise impact with the proposed AGL Power Plant infrastructure project
- Improved access to the northbound M1 Motorway entry ramp at Tomago which allows motorists from Newcastle to access the M1 Motorway sooner



Tomago Interchange



Key

- Proposed M1 Motorway
- Pacific Highway / Old Punt Road
- Proposed bridges
- Motorway entry ramps
- Motorway exit ramps



Project benefits

The key benefits of the proposed extension include:

- Improved connection between the M1 Motorway and A1 Pacific Highway
- Improved traffic flow for motorists and freight for more reliable travel times
- Improved access to the surrounding road network
- Improved safety for all road users

Work in progress

We are progressing the concept design and environmental assessment to complete the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project.

Any proposed changes to the design will be publicly displayed for comment at the same time as the EIS. This public display will include further consultation with key stakeholders.

Previous community consultation

We have incorporated feedback from previous community consultations in 2015 and 2016 during development of the proposal.

We would like to thank community members for their comments and input on the proposed designs to date.

Next steps

We are planning to finalise and publicly display the EIS for the M1 Extension to Raymond Terrace in 2021.

Timing for construction is not confirmed and is subject to project approval.

We will keep the community and key stakeholders informed as the project progresses.

Project development process*



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