The NSW Government is funding this proposal to support future development in Epping Town Centre by improving traffic flow and safety for road users.

Roads and Maritime Services is proposing to widen Epping Road westbound between Essex Street and Blaxland Road and upgrade the Epping Road and Essex Street intersection. The proposal is part of the NSW Government’s Urban Activation Precincts Program.

We have prepared a review of environmental factors to assess the potential impact of the proposed upgrade. The review of environmental factors is on display for community and stakeholder comment until Friday 11 December.

Background

Epping Town Centre is one of eight precincts under the NSW Government’s Urban Activation Precincts Program 2013, which aims to deliver more homes in places with access to infrastructure, transport, services and jobs. As a result of this work, Roads and Maritime has received funding to improve road infrastructure in Epping Town Centre.

Roads and Maritime is proposing two projects to support the development of this precinct:

- **Project 1**: Upgrading the Beecroft Road and Carlingford Road intersection
- **Project 2**: Widening Epping Road westbound between Essex Street and Blaxland Road including the upgrade of the intersection at Epping Road and Essex Street (this project).

Further information about the projects is available on our website [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au) by searching ‘Epping Town Centre’.
Objectives
The objectives of the proposal are to:
• Meet current and future traffic demands on Epping Road to the year 2026 and beyond
• Reduce travel times and congestion
• Improve the performance of intersections
• Improve road safety for all road users
• Improve pedestrian facilities
• Minimise impacts on the environment and properties
• Integrate with the current and future character of the area.

Key features
The key features of the proposed upgrade include:
• Widening the southern side of Epping Road by about 3.7 metres between Essex Street and Blaxland Road to provide an additional westbound lane. The additional westbound lane would function as a dedicated left turn lane into Blaxland Road
• Upgrading the Epping Road and Essex Street intersection including:
  · Widening the north-eastern side of the intersection to provide an additional right turn lane onto Epping Road westbound. This would provide two marked right turn lanes and an unmarked shared left turn/through lane
  · Providing new traffic light pedestrian crossings and pram ramps on all four approaches to the intersection.
• Building a raised central median about 340 metres long on Epping Road between Essex Street and Blaxland Road
• Building a raised median about 20 metres long on Essex Street north of Epping Road intersection
• Removal of right turns into and out of Forest Grove and Smith streets
• Removal of the right turn from Langston Place onto Epping Road westbound
• Removal of the right turn from Epping Road into Essex Street in both directions
• Providing a left turn lane from Essex Street onto Epping Road westbound.

Proposed working hours
To minimise long-term impacts on residents and road users, we propose to carry out construction work to build the upgrade over an 18 month period working up to five nights a week, excluding Saturdays and public holidays, weather permitting. Working hours would be from 8pm to 5am.

Noisy work would only take place between 8pm and 11pm with less noisy construction work between 11pm and 5am. We have included a table to help better explain the types of equipment and activities that would be used.

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Essex Street looking south towards Epping Road
Outcomes of the assessment
The proposal is needed to improve traffic flow and access to Epping Town Centre and is consistent with national, state and local strategies that aim to improve the efficiency and safety of the local road network.

The proposal is subject to assessment under Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The review of environmental factors has taken into account impacts of the proposal that would affect the local environment.

Key factors addressed in the review of environmental factors include:
- Ecology
- Noise and vibration
- Design and visual
- Amenity
- Access, traffic and transport
- Heritage
- Property and infrastructure
- Construction impacts
- Air quality.

While the review of environmental factors shows that there would be some environmental impacts from the proposed upgrade, these impacts would be avoided or minimised wherever possible through design and site-specific measures. The beneficial effects are considered to outweigh any temporary adverse impacts of the proposal.

Community information sessions
We recognise the importance of involving the community in the development of the Epping Road upgrade. We will host two community information sessions so you can meet with members of the project team and ask questions about the proposal. A formal presentation will not be given, so please feel free to drop in at any time:

- **Thursday 3 December, 6pm to 8pm**
  Epping Scout Hall
  6 Essex St Epping, NSW
- **Saturday 5 December, 11am to 1pm**
  Epping Scout Hall
  6 Essex St Epping, NSW

Display locations
Printed copies of the review of environmental factors are available to view until **Friday 11 December** at:

- **Epping Library, Chambers Court** (off Pembroke Street), Epping
  Business hours: Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm
- **Hornsby Shire Council Administration Centre, 296 Peats Ferry Road (formerly Pacific Highway), Hornsby**
  Business hours: Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm

It’s also available to view online at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au) by searching ‘Epping Town Centre’.

Have your say
We welcome your feedback on the proposed design, working hours and review of environmental factors by **Friday 11 December**. Written comments should be sent to our delivery partner GHD:

Email: community.input@ghd.com
Mail: Epping Town Centre C/O GHD
      Reply Paid 85012
What happens next?

We will consider all comments in finalising the proposal and will continue to liaise with the community throughout the project. Following the display of the review of environmental factors, Roads and Maritime will prepare a submission report outlining the feedback received and our responses.

Contact us

For more information about the project, please contact our delivery partner GHD:

1800 810 680
community.input@ghd.com
www.rms.nsw.gov.au and search ‘Epping Town Centre’

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