

Townson-Burdekin Road Upgrade

Community update

July 2019



Townson Road looking east

The NSW Government has proposed a road network to support the forecast growth in the North West Growth Area. Over the next ten years, 33,000 homes will be built in the area and once fully developed, the area will be home to around 250,000 people.

Access within the North West Growth Area (NWGA) is restricted by the Richmond Railway line, which runs through the area in a north-south corridor.

Existing crossings of the railway line are limited, with only two grade separated crossings at Schofields Road and Westminster Bridge, and two level crossings at Garfield Road and Bandon Road.

To facilitate growth and development in the north west, people that will live and work in the area, or travel through it, will need new infrastructure. This includes providing safe access to key facilities, as well as access to the wider transport network.

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) has granted Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC) funding for Roads and Maritime Services to carry out the planning and concept design of Townson-Burdekin Road.

The proposal runs from the intersection of Richmond Road and Townson Road, Marsden Park to the roundabout intersection of Burdekin Road and Walker Street, Schofields.

North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy – where are we up to?

In 2014, the NSW Government published the road network strategy to support the forecast growth in the North West Growth Area. Over the next ten years, 33,000 homes will be built in the area and once fully developed, the area will be home to around 250,000 people.

Townson-Burdekin Road upgrade is one of the proposals in planning as part of the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy.

Schofields Road upgrade – completed

The NSW Government funded the \$340 million upgrade of Schofields Road between Windsor Road and Richmond Road. Schofields Road has been upgraded to form a major east-west link from Rouse Hill to Marsden Park.

The work was delivered in three stages, with the final stage opening to traffic in June 2018.

Bandon Road corridor preservation – complete

The Bandon Road corridor has now been finalised. The corridor will connect Richmond Road, Marsden Park to Windsor Road, Vineyard, providing alternative access across the North West Growth Area and reducing traffic congestion within Riverstone.

This finalised corridor has been sent to NSW DPIE to include in the precinct plans for Marsden Park North, Riverstone West, Riverstone and Vineyard Precincts.

Further development of the Bandon Road corridor is subject to funding availability.

Denmark Link Road – planning

Denmark Link Road is a proposed new link road between Garfield Road West, Riverstone and the Westminster Street Bridge, Schofields. This new link road would alleviate traffic congestion along Garfield Road around the railway level crossing at Riverstone. Light vehicles would have an alternate local connection to cross the Richmond railway line.

Roads and Maritime is continuing planning and field investigation work to inform the strategic design.

Garfield Road East and West upgrades – planning

The NSW DPIE has granted SIC funding for Roads and Maritime to carry out the planning and concept design of Garfield Road East (from Piccadilly Street, Riverstone to Windsor Road, Box Hill) and Garfield Road West (from Richmond Road, Marsden Park to Denmark Road, Riverstone) to provide safe and efficient access to the surrounding road network.

The project will involve planning for the future upgrade.

Garfield Road central – planning

During consultation in 2013 and 2014, Roads and Maritime sought community feedback on options for the railway level crossing. The community highlighted their concerns about the current traffic congestion in Riverstone and heavy vehicles travelling through the town centre. Roads and Maritime also received feedback about the location of an overpass and impacts on community amenity, local businesses, schools and property.

Further planning of Garfield Road central is subject to funding availability and Roads and Maritime will engage with the community as the proposal progresses.

Richmond Road upgrade – ongoing

Richmond Road between North of Bells Creek Bridge to Elara Boulevard has been upgraded to a two lane road in each direction, with the capacity to be widened to three lanes in the future.

The NSW DPIE has granted SIC funding for Roads and Maritime to plan of a future upgrade of Richmond Road from Elara Boulevard to Heritage Road, Marsden Park.

Outer Sydney Orbital – planning

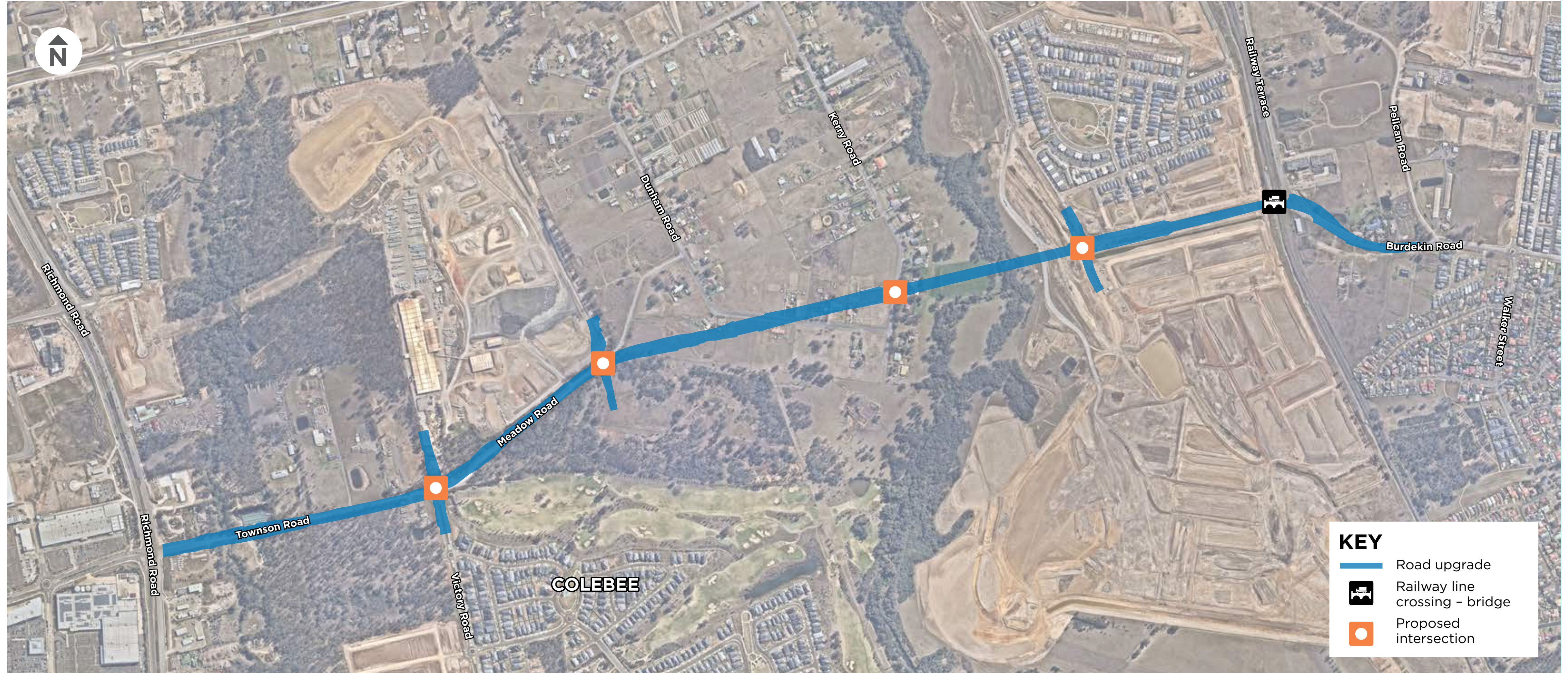
The NSW Government is planning for the long term transport needs of Western Sydney by identifying and protecting a corridor of land for future transport infrastructure to link the Central Coast with the Illawarra via Western Sydney.

The Orbital will connect growth areas in the North West and South West with the Western Sydney Airport.

Work on the Outer Sydney Orbital is being led by Transport for NSW (TfNSW). TfNSW is working closely with other government agencies.

Please contact TfNSW if you have any questions about the Outer Sydney Orbital on **1800 837 511** or corridors@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Townson-Burdekin Road Upgrade - proposed alignment



Overview

Townson-Burdekin Road upgrade will provide an east-west link of about 3.6km, between Richmond Road and Walker Street, ultimately allowing road users to connect through to Sunnyholt Road and Windsor Road in the east.

Townson Road will be widened to a four lane divided road and will extend over the railway line to Burdekin Road. The project will cross Bells Creek and Eastern Creek, and a railway overpass on the eastern end of the corridor.

The corridor passes through land which is currently characterised by rural residential properties. This land is to be rezoned through two of the DPIE planning precincts in the North West, West Schofields, and Schofields. With the nearest east-west connecting roads being at least a kilometre away, there are insufficient links to facilitate this development. Without this proposal, and these developments would be unable to proceed.

Townson Road (existing)

The existing Townson Road runs for around one kilometre of the 3.6 kilometre proposal, forming the western third of the proposed alignment. It extends from Richmond Road in the west, ending at a residential ring road west of Eastern Creek. It is an undivided two lane road with unsealed shoulders.

The existing Townson Road corridor does not provide any active transport infrastructure, and is only serviced by a single bus route. The proposed upgrade provides an opportunity for active and public transport access between the new residential developments and the train stations and other facilities east of the railway line. This will promote the NSW Government's vision for "30 minute cities" by providing efficient access to active and public transport opportunities.

Benefits of the upgrades

Benefits of the upgrade would include:

- Improving road capacity to meet future traffic growth
- Supporting residential and employment growth
- Improving road safety
- Improving connectivity between Richmond Road and Windsor Road
- Encouraging active transport along the corridor.

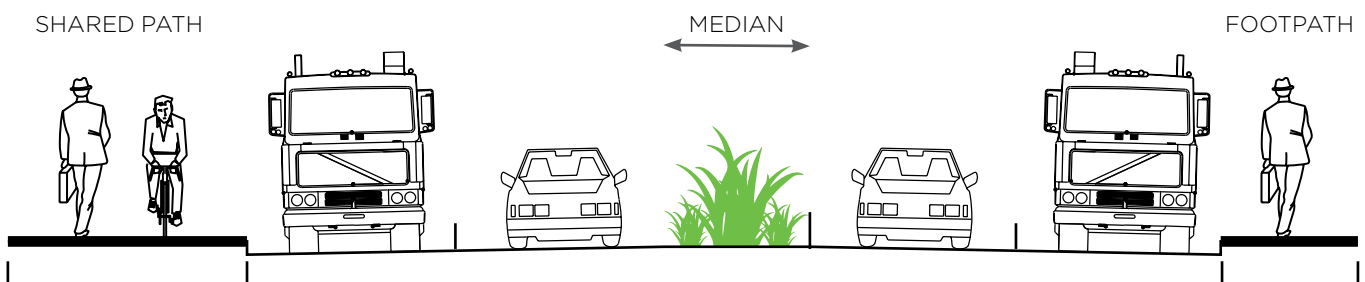
Features

Key features of the upgrade would include:

- A four lane dual carriageway separated by a median, between Richmond Road, Marsden Park and Walker Street, Quakers Hill
- Connection to new residential developments
- Three new traffic signals intersections at Victory Road, Veron Road, and a new road proposed in the West Schofields Precinct Plan
- A new bridge over the train line, south of Schofields Station
- New bridges over Eastern Creek and Bells Creek
- A shared use path along the length of the road corridor connecting to nearby developments.

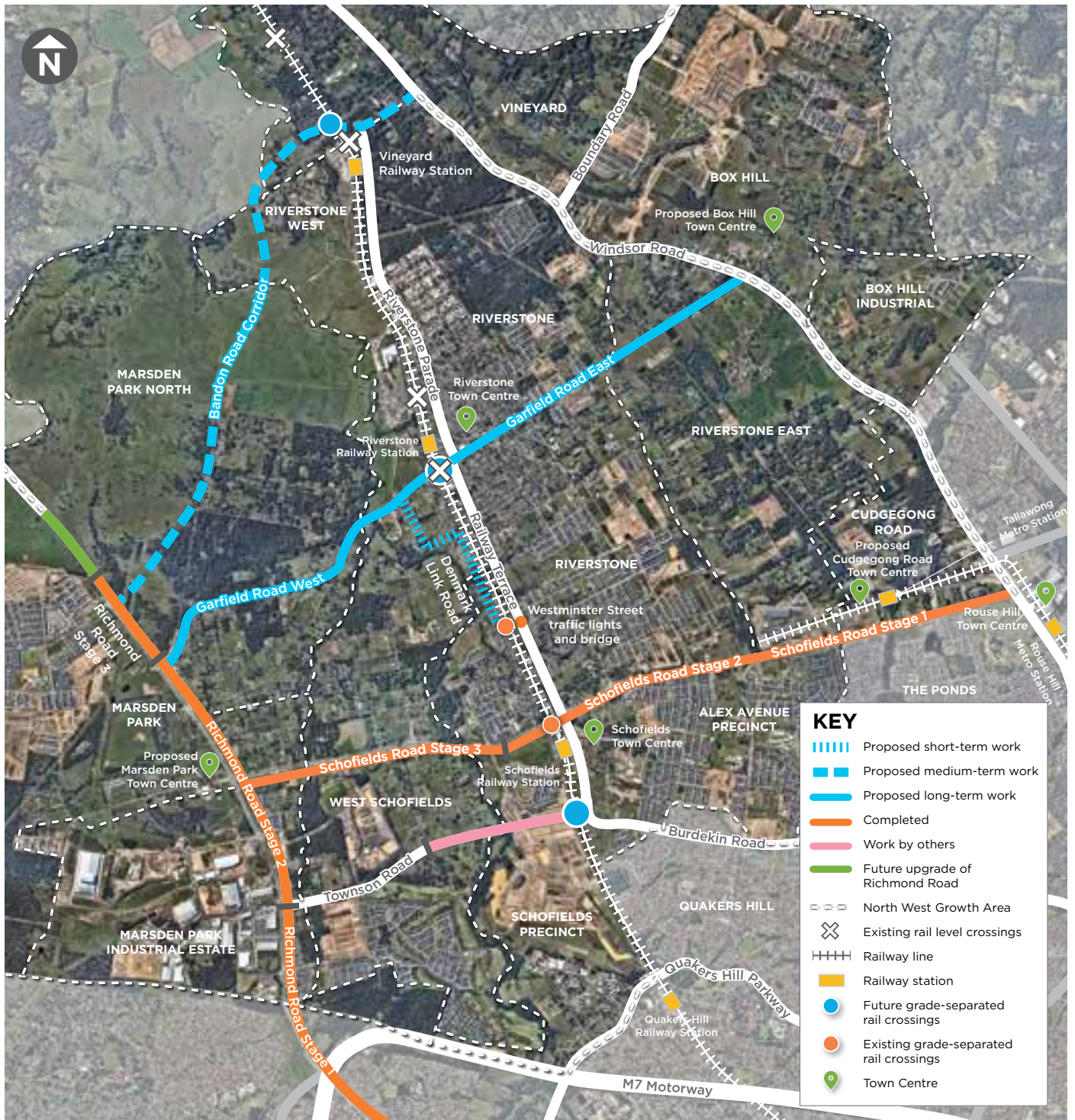
Typical cross section

Diagram is indicative



North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy

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Interactive portal

Check out our **interactive portal** at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/nwgc to find out more about the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy and submit any questions or comments you have.

Community Information Sessions

Roads and Maritime is seeking community feedback to help inform our future road plans in the North West Growth Area. We will host three community information sessions where you can ask the project teams questions and seek further information about proposed road upgrades. A formal presentation will not be given so please feel free to drop in any time at one of the following sessions:

- **Saturday 27 July** 2019, Schofields Community Centre, 65 Railway Terrace, Schofields between **10am** and **2pm**
- **Tuesday 30 July** 2019, Schofields Community Centre, 65 Railway Terrace, Schofields between **4pm** and **7pm**
- **Thursday 1 August** 2019, Riverstone Sports Centre, 15 Hamilton Street, Riverstone between **4pm** and **7pm**

If you are unable to attend one of the information sessions, you can contact us to discuss or arrange another time that is suitable to meet. To join the mailing list please contact the project team (see details below).

Please provide comments by **16 August 2019**.



If you need help understanding this information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450** and ask them to call us on **1300 367 561**.

What are the next steps?

Roads and Maritime is currently planning for the concept design and environmental assessment. This process involves numerous studies such as heritage, ecology, noise, traffic modelling, surveying and ground investigations, so you may see some of our workers in your area.



*Subject to funding

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Townson-Burdekin Road upgrade please contact our project team:

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