

Denmark Link Road – Have your say

New link road between Garfield Road West,
Riverstone and Westminster Street bridge, Schofields

November 2015

The NSW Government is planning to build a link road from the intersection of Garfield Road West and Denmark Road at Riverstone to Westminster Street bridge at Schofields. This proposal is part of the short-term work for the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy, confirmed in July 2015.

Background

Riverstone and the surrounding area are integral to the North West Growth Centre (NWGC) where about 200,000 people are expected to reside in the next 15 years. This rise in population and development is expected to generate an increase in traffic for the area.

Roads and Maritime has developed a NWGC Road Network Strategy which includes a series of road network upgrades to support the expected growth. These proposed upgrades would be delivered in three key phases; short, medium and long-term and are subject to availability of funding.

We have now developed a preferred route for the proposed new Denmark Link Road, which would deliver a second connection between Riverstone and Schofields. The community is now being invited to have a say on this route.

Garfield Road currently provides the only direct link between Richmond Road and Windsor Road and crosses the railway line at the Riverstone level crossing.

The short-term work within the NWGC Road Network Strategy aims to improve traffic flow around Riverstone. Medium-term and long-term work would manage future traffic requirements of the area. These upgrades would help address expected future congestion, including on Garfield Road and around the existing railway level crossing at Riverstone.

Details of the NWGC Road Network Strategy are available in the Community Updates published in November 2014 and July 2015. This is available to view or download from the Roads and Maritime website at rms.nsw.gov.au/nwgc or search for Riverstone - North West Growth Centre Strategy.



Riverstone and the North West Growth Centre

About this proposal

To deliver the NWGC Road Network Strategy, Roads and Maritime is working with Blacktown City Council to develop local plans to improve traffic flow, within the Riverstone Town Centre and to the Westminster Street bridge. A new local link road connection has been identified between Garfield Road West and the Westminster Street bridge at Schofields. The link road would alleviate traffic congestion along Garfield Road West around the railway level crossing at Riverstone. This road would provide an alternative local connection for light vehicles to cross the Richmond railway line and avoid the need to enter Riverstone Town Centre.

A number of options were developed and an assessment was carried out with key stakeholders to select a preferred option. The preferred option would provide a link road from Garfield Road West at Riverstone via Denmark Road intersection to West Parade. West Parade would be extended to the Westminster Street bridge at Schofields. The proposal would connect to new traffic lights that are currently being planned at the Westminster Street and Railway Terrace intersection.

An Options Report has been prepared detailing the process carried out in the selection of the preferred option. This report is available to view or download from the Roads and Maritime website at rms.nsw.gov.au/nwgc or search for Riverstone – North West Growth Centre Strategy.

Features of the preferred option

A map highlighting the preferred option is on the opposite page. The preferred option is a two lane local road with a footpath on one side. The proposal includes:

- An intersection at Garfield Road West and Denmark Road with a right-turn bay for traffic waiting to enter Denmark Road at Riverstone
- Improvements to the existing Denmark Road
- A new link road between Denmark Road and West Parade
- New intersections at Carlton Street and West Parade
- Extension of West Parade to connect near the Westminster Street bridge at Schofields.

Benefits of the preferred option

The preferred option would:

- Reduce congestion and delays that are currently being experienced at the Garfield Road railway level crossing at Riverstone
- Provide a second local road connection for motorists wishing to use the Westminster Street bridge, alleviating congestion on Garfield Road
- Meets the future traffic needs for the area.



Denmark Road looking south

Proposed Denmark Link Road Preferred Option



GARFIELD ROAD RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING

RIVERSTONE RAILWAY STATION

Riverstone

Garfield Road West

INTERSECTION TO BE UPGRADED
WITH A DEDICATED RIGHT-TURN BAY

Carlton Street

Railway Terrace

Denmark Road

Creek Street

NEW LINK ROAD

Eastern Creek

Riverstone Road

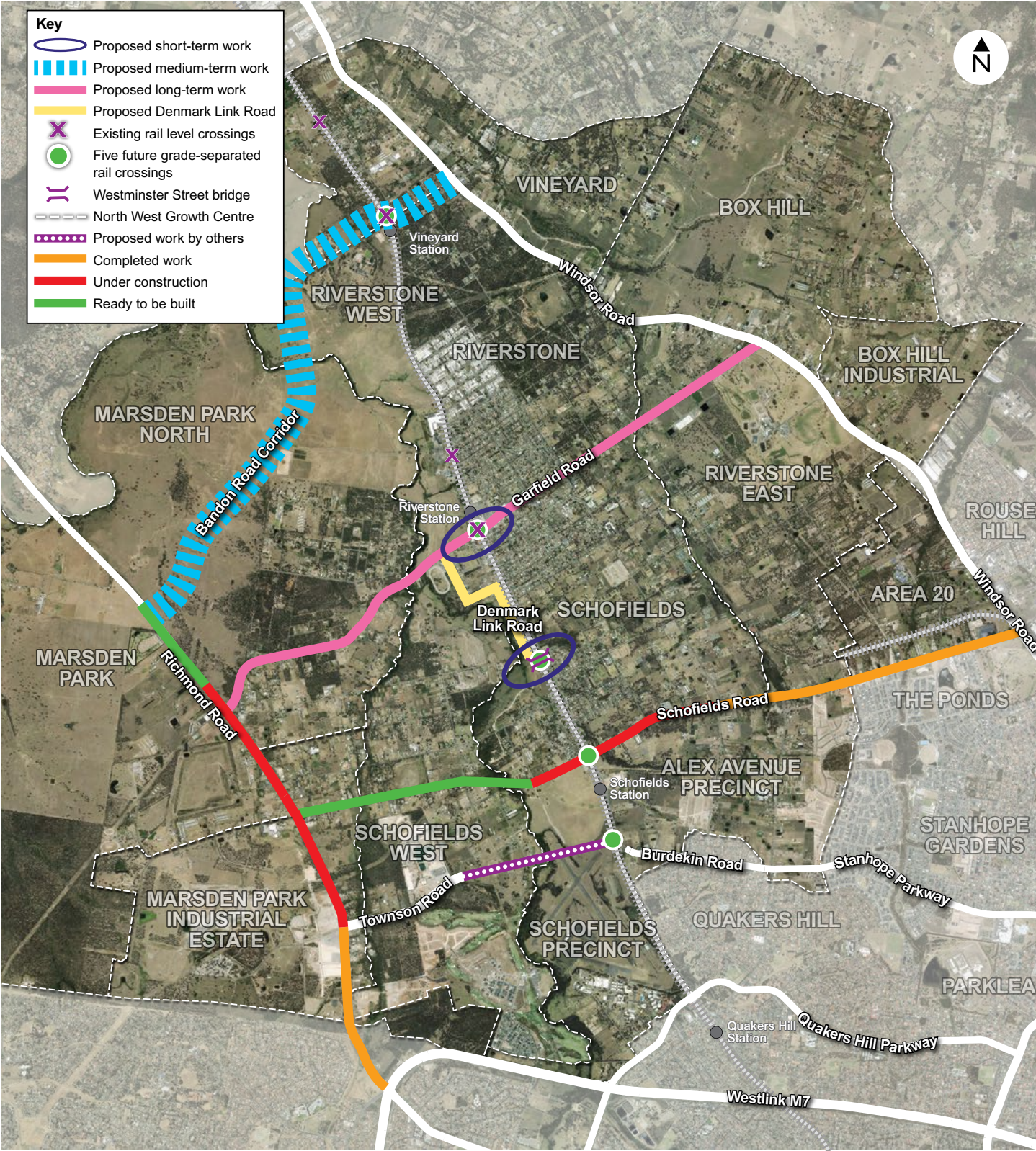
RICHMOND RAILWAY LINE

West Parade

WESTMINSTER STREET BRIDGE

Westminster Street

NWGC Road Network Strategy showing proposed Denmark Link Road



Updates and announcements

Proposed traffic lights at Westminster Street

In August 2015 the community was consulted on a proposal to provide traffic lights at the intersection of Westminster Street and Railway Terrace, Schofields. This proposal is part of the short-term work for the NWGC Road Network Strategy. Comments on this proposal closed on Friday 24 August 2015.

Planning approval has been obtained for this project now. A report summarising issues raised during consultation and our responses will be available to view or download soon from the Roads and Maritime website at rms.nsw.gov.au/nwgc or search for Riverstone – North West Growth Centre Strategy.

Construction is expected to start in early 2016, weather permitting.

Other projects in the area

Richmond Road Upgrade

Richmond Road is being upgraded north of Bells Creek Bridge, Colebee to the South Creek floodplain. The road is being widened from two lanes to four lanes with provision for six lanes in the future.

Stage 1 between Bells Creek and Townson Road has been completed and opened to traffic. Work has started on stages two and three between Townson Road and 900 metres north of Garfield Road West and is expected to be complete by late 2016.

The upgrade of Richmond Road from north of Garfield Road West to the South Creek floodplain at Marsden Park will take place as neighbouring development progresses.

Schofields Road Upgrade

Schofields Road is also being upgraded to form a major east-west link from Rouse Hill to Marsden Park.

Stage 1 between Windsor Road and Tallawong Road has been completed and opened to traffic. Work has begun on Stage 2 between Tallawong Road and Veron Road and is expected to be complete by early 2017. Stage 3 between Veron Road and Richmond Road is expected to start in early 2016.

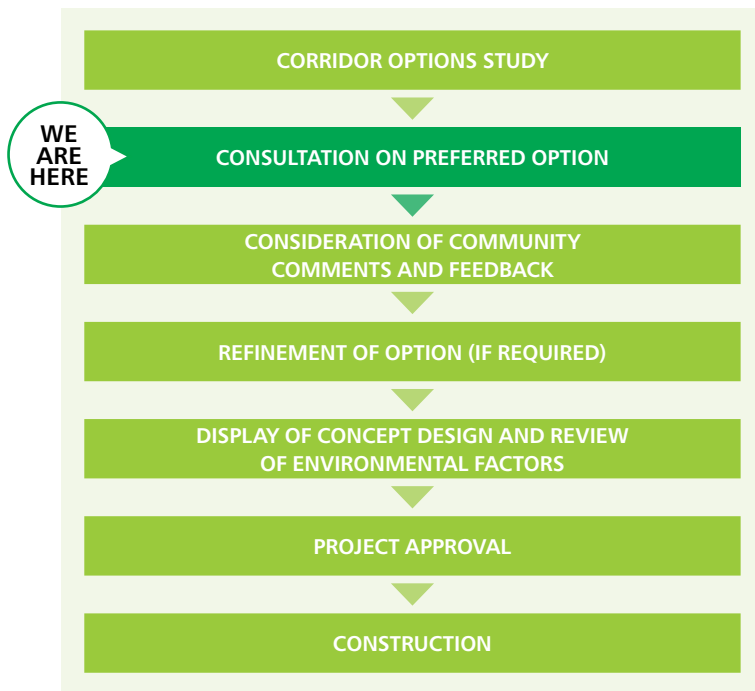


Richmond Road upgrade



Schofields Road upgrade

What happens next?



Display locations

The proposal will be displayed at:

- **Riverstone Library**
1st Floor, Marketown, corner of Market Street and Riverstone Parade
Riverstone NSW 2765
- **Blacktown City Council**
62 Flushcombe Road
Blacktown NSW 2148

Community information sessions

Roads and Maritime will host two community information sessions. A formal presentation will not be given so please feel free to drop by at any time during these sessions.

- **Wednesday 2 December 2015**
From 5pm to 8pm
Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre
Sam Lane Community Complex,
Park Street, Riverstone
- **Saturday 5 December 2015**
From 2pm to 5pm
Marsden Park Public School
361–363 Garfield Road West,
Marsden Park

Have your say

We encourage you to have your say by providing written feedback on the proposal.

Comments are invited until **Friday 18 December 2015**. You can provide your comments by:


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