Proposed pedestrian bridge on Beecroft Road, Beecroft

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After refinement of the concept design for this project, Roads and Maritime Services is now seeking feedback on tree removal, bridge colour and work hours by Monday 3 August 2015. The NSW Government is funding this proposal.

Roads and Maritime is proposing to build a pedestrian bridge on Beecroft Road near Beecroft Public School about 50 metres south of the Copeland Road intersection to provide safe access for school students and pedestrians. This project is part of the Active Transport Pedestrian Bridges Program.

**Project benefits**
The key benefits to the community include:

- Providing a safe crossing for Beecroft Public School students, parents and carers and other pedestrians
- Providing better pedestrian connections between properties on the western side of Beecroft Road and the station, Community Centre and Beecroft Village Green
- Providing a safer accessible crossing for people with limited mobility and prams by including lifts in the bridge design.

**Community involvement**

We invited the community and stakeholders to provide feedback on the proposal between February and April 2015.

A consultation report summarising the comments received and our responses was prepared and is available on our website at rms.nsw.gov.au by searching ‘Beecroft pedestrian bridge’. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to review the proposal and provide feedback.

We have refined the design and are seeking feedback on the proposed removal of some trees, the colour of the bridge and work hours.
Tree removal

The concept design for the proposed Beecroft pedestrian bridge was developed to minimise the impact to mature trees as much as possible. Since we last updated the community we have identified trees that would need to be removed as part of this proposal:

- Up to six planted native trees in Beecroft Village Green
- Up to ten planted native trees in the Beecroft Public School grounds
- Up to three planted exotic trees in the Beecroft Public School grounds.

A Red Stringybark tree in Beecroft Village Green would also need to be trimmed to allow for construction vehicle access.

We are preparing an environmental impact assessment (called a Review of Environmental Factors) and this will include information about the removal of vegetation.

Community feedback on the proposed tree removal will help inform the Review of Environmental Factors.

Roads and Maritime is committed to minimising the environmental impacts of this project and will have an ecologist on site when trees are removed or trimmed to help ensure the safety of wildlife in the area.

We have provided maps to help better explain the location of the trees that we are proposing to remove.
Looking south on Beecroft Road

**Bridge colour scheme**

This proposal is based on Roads and Maritime’s pedestrian bridge design standard for built up areas. The standard design can be customised through the use of colour on the lift shafts, arch and roof structure so it fits with the character of the local area.

Roads and Maritime has consulted with Hornsby Shire Council in selecting the proposed colour scheme for the bridge over Beecroft Road.

We have provided an artist’s impression to help better explain the design.

**Work hours**

In order to minimise long term impacts on residents and road users, we propose to carry out intermittent night work in addition to day time work for about 40 to 50 shifts from November 2015 to September 2016 between 8pm and 5am, excluding Saturdays and public holidays, weather permitting.

Noisy work would only take place between 8pm and 11pm with less noisy construction work between 11pm and 5am. We expect a maximum of 30 shifts across the duration of work where nosier activities would be carried out.

The information below better explains the types of equipment and activities that would be used. Residents would be notified of night work seven days in advance.

**Noisier construction activities and equipment**

- Saw cutting
- Jackhammering
- Breaking up concrete kerbing
- Unloading steel reinforcements

**Less noisy construction activities and equipment**

- Truck movements
- Loading excavated material and spreading new material
- Laying new concrete kerbing
- Lifting the bridge structure into place
- Concrete placement and finishing work
- Installation of the pedestrian lift
- Installation of pedestrian fencing
- Utility relocations
What happens next?

Comments received will be considered in decision making to finalise the design.

The next step for the project will be to prepare a consultation report summarising the matters raised during consultation and a response to comments.

The consultation report and Review of Environmental Factors will be made available to view on Roads and Maritime’s website later this year.

We will continue to keep the community updated as the project progresses.

Have your say

We are seeking feedback on the proposed tree removal, colour scheme and work hours by Monday 3 August 2015.

Please send your comments to:

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