The NSW Government is working hard to improve and upgrade major highway networks. In June 2018, the NSW Government announced it is investing $145 million to fast track the sealing of the remaining 209 kilometres of the Cobb and Silver City highways by 2023. Once complete, freight access, travel times and safety will be improved for all road users.
Project background

The Cobb and Silver City highways are the only roads in the NSW State highway network that remain unsealed.

Since the 2018 State Budget announcement, initial sealing has been completed on the Cobb Highway at Teryawynia South and at Menindee Road North. Work has started this month to seal 5.3 kilometres of the Cobb Highway at Slamannon.

Work has also started on the Silver City Highway at Packsaddle, Warratta and Milpa Flat.

All remaining unsealed sections of the Cobb and Silver City highways are now in construction or planning.

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering this work as part of its commitment to provide all motorists with safer roads and improved connectivity across NSW.

Better roads will support regional tourism and economic development and ensure more reliable journeys for all road users.

The announcement in June 2018 of an additional $145 million to complete the remaining 209 kilometres of the Cobb and Silver City highways by 2023 brings total investment in these highways to $195 million since 2011.

Cobb Highway initial seal

The Cobb Highway runs from Moama, on the Victorian border, to the Barrier Highway, near Wilcannia, via Ivanhoe and Hay. The highway is 571 kilometres long, with 91 kilometres of unsealed surface remaining.

The upgraded highway will reduce travel time, improve connectivity for freight and livestock industries and provide a safer road network for all motorists.

Silver City Highway initial seal

The Silver City Highway connects Buronga, on the Victorian border with the Queensland border via Broken Hill and Tibooburra. The highway is 683 kilometres long, with 110 kilometres of unsealed road remaining.

The highway is currently forced to close on average up to 12 times per year during heavy rainfall.

Project benefits:

- save up to 30 minutes in travel time
- improved flood mitigation
- better freight access
- safer travel

As part of the upgrade, the existing road surface will be rebuilt to include table drains on both sides of the road. The table drains will help to eliminate rain water which currently pools in different areas of the highways, resulting in less forced closures each year and more reliable access through the area.
Silver City Highway initial seal program

- **Tibooburra to Warri Gate** (includes 1.33 km sealed section) 54.4 km
  - Q3 – 2020

- **Warri Gatre**
  - Warratta Creek 8.0 km
  - Milparinka 4.9 km Q2 – 2019
  - Peak Hill Central 3.4 km Q3 – 2019
  - Peak Hill Causeway 4.3 km
  - One Tree 7.3 km Q2 – 2020
  - Coally South 5.2 km Q1 – 2020
  - Salt Lake 4.6 km Q4 – 2019

- **MILPARINKA**
  - Shannon’s Creek 13.4 km
  - William’s Tank 7.2 km Q2 – 2019
    - Stage One – Q1 – 2019
    - Stage Two – Q3 – 2020
  - Milpa Flat 5 km
  - Barons Creek 5.2 km
  - Packsaddle Bridge 2.4 km

- **PACKSADDLE**
  - Eight Mile 7.2 km
  - Euriowie Creek 13.0 km

- **Warratta Creek** 8.0 km

- **Shannon’s Creek North** 6.7 km
  - Stage One – Q2 – 2019
  - Stage Two – Q4 – 2020

- **Cobham Lake** 1.8 km Q1 – 2021

- **Shannon’s Creek** 13.4 km

- **Cobham Lake** 1.8 km Q1 – 2021

- **Shannon’s Creek North** 6.7 km
  - Stage One – Q2 – 2019
  - Stage Two – Q4 – 2020

- **WARRI GATE**
  - 43.1 kilometres of road sealed since 2011
  - 110 kilometres of road remaining

- **Menindee Road North** 2.0 km

- **Glen Albyn South** 5.1 km Q2 – 2020
- **Kerpa Station North** 4.9 km Q1 – 2020
- **Mount Manara North** 3.9 km Q2 – 2022
- **Mount Manara** 3.8 km Q3 – 2022
- **Mount Manara South** 4.8 km Q1 – 2022

- **Springdale** 7.0 km Q3 – 2020
- **Springdale South** 2.9 km Q3 – 2020
- **Gypsum Mine North** 5.5 km Q1 – 2020

- **Baden Park** 3.6 km Q1 – 2020
- **Eurella South** 6.4 km Q4 – 2019
- **Monivea** 5.0 km Q3 – 2019
- **Tasman Road** 6.0 km Q2 – 2019

- **Fairmount** 4.4 km
- **Fairmount 1** 5.2 km
- **Teryawynia** 5.1 km
- **Teryawynia South** 6.0 km
- **Slamannon** 5.3 km
- **Slamannon South** 3.1 km Q2 – 2019
- **Yelta** 6.4 km Q3 – 2019
- **White Elephant Tank Extension** 2.0 km
- **Rosewood** 4.0 km Q4 – 2021
- **Rosewood South** 5.1 km Q3 – 2021
- **Bushley** 3.3 km Q2 – 2021
- **Half Way Tree** 3.8 km Q1 – 2021
- **Dromore** 6.1 km
- **Eurella** 10.3 km

- **Menindee Road North** 2.0 km

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**Project Status**

- Existing sealed highway prior to 2011
- Completed since 2011
- In planning with scheduled start dates subject to change
- In construction
What’s happening?

Roads and Maritime is committed to keeping you informed as work continues on the remaining unsealed sections of the Cobb and Silver City highways as the project progresses.

2019 Program

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Project objectives:

• improve the reliability of the road network in the region
• improve road safety
• enhance heavy vehicle access through regional NSW
• support families and communities in remote areas
• promote regional development in remote areas

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