In July 2012 the Australian and New South Wales governments announced a $250 million revised investment program to improve safety and travel conditions along the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow.

As part of this program, Roads and Maritime Services has developed a range of road safety upgrade options for Hartley Valley.

In October 2012 Roads and Maritime held displays in Hartley Valley to seek community feedback on the options.

Key issues raised at the community displays in October 2012

**Intersection design**

**Safety improvements**

**Environment/heritage**

**Property impacts**

**Support for the project**

**Current situation**

Roads and Maritime has taken the feedback on board, and has prepared a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the proposed upgrade.

More information is available in the REF documentation which is on display at a number of venues (details overleaf) or on Roads and Maritime’s website at the following link: http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/projects/western_region/mt_victoria_lithgow/project_documents/safety_upgrade.html.

**Next steps**

Feedback on the REF can be made until 7 February 2014 and will be considered by Roads and Maritime. This feedback will be used when preparing the detailed design for the upgrade.

**Safety upgrade along the Great Western Highway in the Hartley Valley**

The upgrade will include the following work:

- Provision of sealed shoulders, a minimum two metres wide along the highway and three metres wide next to property accesses
- One metre wide shallow V-shaped kerb and gutter where required
- Wire rope safety barrier (primarily along the side of the road on curves) where required
- Lowering the road level by one metre near Rosedale and at Browns Gap Road, to provide better sight distances for drivers
- Bus bays incorporated along the highway for safer access where required
- Improved road surface to provide a better quality driving surface
- Eastbound left turn bay into Mid Hartley Road
- Provision of retaining walls around Hartley Historic Village to minimise environmental impacts
- Movement of utilities, such as electricity poles and telephone cables as required
- Extension of the eastbound downhill overtaking lane on River Lett Hill.

There are four main intersections proposed for upgrade within the Hartley Valley. Details about the proposed changes are shown on the maps below.

Further detail about these and specific locations can be reviewed in the REF documentation.
Intersection 2 – Baaners Lane and Browns Gap Road

- Right turn lane extended
- Left turn lane
- Bus bay
- Reduction of road level by one metre to improve sight distance

Intersection 3 – Old Bathurst Road

- Curve improvement for safer driving
- New location of overtaking lane

LEGEND
- Widened sealed road shoulders
- Batters
Intersection 4 – Jenolan Caves Road and Blackmans Creek Road

- Increased length of right turn lane
- Start of overtaking lane moved to the west of intersection
- Single westbound lane through the intersection
- More pavement arrows and reflective pavement markers provide better definition of lanes

LEGEND
- Widened sealed road shoulders

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Intersection 4 – Jenolan Caves Road and Blackmans Creek Road

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You can see further details and a copy of the REF at the following locations
Blue Mountains City Council, Mount Victoria General store, Hartley Valley Lolly Shop and Lithgow City Council.

Give Roads and Maritime your feedback
Tear out, fill in and post back the attached feedback form by 7 February 2014.
Fold and tape so the reply paid form is facing out.

Questions?
Contact the team directly on 1800 035 733 (toll free)
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