The Australian and NSW governments have provided $250 million in funding to improve safety and travel conditions along the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow. Roads and Maritime Services has finalised the review of environmental factors (REF) for the Mount Victoria village road safety upgrade.

Background
In November 2013, Roads and Maritime prepared an REF for road safety upgrades through Mount Victoria village. Comments on the REF closed in February 2014. Following community feedback about the proposed upgrades, two alternative options were developed for the section of the highway from Kanimbla Valley Road to Fairy Dell Road. Members of the community were invited to comment on these options in July 2014.

In the feedback, there was overwhelming support for protected right turn bays at Kanimbla Valley Road and Selsdon Street.

Current situation
A submissions report has been prepared detailing the feedback received and how it was addressed in finalising the REF. This can be viewed at http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/western-nsw/katoomba-lithgow/index.html.

Key changes made to the design following consultation include:

- Reduction in the size of a retaining wall opposite Harley Avenue.
- Sandstone facing on retaining walls east of Hooper Street.
- Narrowing of the service road.
- Removal of water basins.

Now that the overall concept has been finalised, the road safety upgrades will be designed in detail. Work on the upgrades is expected to start in mid-2015.

What upgrades will be carried out?
The maps show in detail the planned safety upgrades through the village.

A community drop-in session will be held in the new year to explain the details of the safety upgrade, next steps and how the work will be managed.

The community will be advised of the drop-in session by flyers, the local media and the project website early in the new year.

Further questions?
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**Section 1 – Browntown Oval to west of Victoria Falls Road**
Between 400 metres west of Browntown Oval and 240 metres west of Victoria Falls Road

- New safety barrier
- New footpath and pedestrian fence
- Widened shoulders

**LEGEND**
- Widened sealed road shoulders
- New footpath
- New safety barrier

**Section 2 – East of Harley Avenue to east of Station Street**
Between 200 metres east of Harley Avenue and 20 metres east of Station Street

- New protected right turn bay
- New footpath and pedestrian access
- Access track to be retained

**LEGEND**
- New footpath
- New kerb and gutter

**Section 3 – West of Station Street to Mount York Road**
Between 90 metres west of Station Street and immediately west of Mount York Road

- New traffic island
- New pedestrian refuge
- Retain existing bus shelter

**LEGEND**
- Widened sealed road shoulders
- New footpath
- New kerb and gutter