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Executive Summary

The Wagga Wagga Transport Plan (“the Plan”) is the first place-based transport plan developed by Transport for NSW for a regional city in NSW. As a supporting plan of Future Transport, the Plan provides a blueprint for transforming the way people and goods will travel within, to and through Wagga Wagga over the next 20 years.

Development of the Plan has been informed through formal engagement and workshops with key stakeholders, as well as feedback provided during the public exhibition of the Draft Wagga Wagga Transport Plan (the “Draft Plan”) from 23 April 2021 to 28 May 2021.

Engagement activities undertaken during the exhibition period included:

- Targeted briefings for the Local Member for Wagga Wagga, Wagga Wagga City Councillors, community representatives and industry groups.
- Facebook was used to raise awareness of the Draft Plan with the target audience.
- Adverts were published in The Daily Advertiser.
- An online community information session was carried out on Microsoft Teams with the Project Team and a representative from Wagga Wagga City Council.
- A drop-in session was conducted at the Wagga Wagga City Council Meeting Rooms. About 60 community members attended the session.
- A postcard was delivered to about 35,000 residences in Wagga Wagga via Australia Post, inviting the community to have their say on the future of Wagga Wagga.

During the exhibition period, Transport for NSW received 122 submissions on the Draft Plan. All submissions were subsequently reviewed, and the following key themes identified:

Vision Theme	Key Theme
Connected	Public Transport Improvements Walking and Cycling Traffic and Congestion Place Outcomes Accessible Transport
Safe	Safety Transport Network Resilience
Productive	Road and Rail Freight Environment and Sustainability Technology
Initiatives	Initiative Timing and Status

Feedback provided on the Draft Plan has helped reshape the narrative in the Final Wagga Wagga Transport Plan.

1. Introduction

Developed in collaboration with Wagga Wagga City Council (“Council”) and relevant State Agencies, the Plan presents the strategic framework for how Transport for NSW and Council will work to proactively respond to anticipated changes in land use, population, and travel demand across the regional city, and supports shared accountability for the initiatives identified.

The Plan articulates a clear transport vision for Wagga Wagga that will deliver a more sustainable, multi-modal, and safe transport network for the regional city, as well as improved travel choices for more people, more often regardless of their age, ability, and income.

To achieve the 2041 transport vision for Wagga Wagga, the Plan has identified 35 initiatives – of which 21 will be delivered, planned for, or investigated within the next five years – under the following three broad themes:

- Connected – a transport network that facilitates seamless, multi-modal connectivity between where people live, work and play.
- Safe – a transport network that delivers a safer future for the people of Wagga Wagga.
- Productive – a transport network that supports the efficient, safe, and sustainable movement of people and goods within Wagga Wagga and can swiftly pivot to take advantage of beneficial emerging technologies.

We believe that a Plan that focuses on securing a transport network for Wagga Wagga that is connected, safe and productive will also enable a regional city that is sustainable, vibrant, and liveable for its citizens and visitors.

2. Consultation Approach

2.1 Consultation Aims

The aim of the public exhibition was to:

- Inform targeted community and industry stakeholder groups, previously consulted during preparation of the Draft Plan and seek feedback on proposed short, medium, and long-term transport initiatives;
- Obtain feedback from the wider Wagga Wagga community on the priority of proposed short, medium, and long-term transport initiatives identified in Draft Plan; and
- Gauge community sentiment as to which of the key initiatives identified in the Draft Plan were the most important to the people of Wagga Wagga.

2.2 Community Engagement

Several activities were carried out during the consultation period to give community members and stakeholders a chance to learn more about the project and have their say.

Engagement method	Details
<p>Website</p> <p>https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/project-s/wagga-wagga-transport-plan/index.html</p> <p>https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/plans/draft-plans/draft-wagga-wagga-transport-plan</p>	<p>Details of the Draft Transport Plan were provided on two project websites.</p> <p>The Future Transport website included a copy of the Draft Transport Plan, a link to the project webpage, a list of key initiatives, and copies of three key supporting plans that were considered when developing content for the Draft Transport Plan.</p> <p>The Wagga Wagga Transport Plan project webpage included a copy of the Draft Transport Plan, a link to the 'Bang the Table' platform for feedback, a link to the online information session, and further details for the community to submit their feedback.</p> <p>Over 2,500 people viewed the website during the feedback period.</p>
<p>Bang the Table – Online Feedback Platform</p> <p>https://yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/wagga-wagga-transport-plan/survey_tools/wagga-wagga-community-consultation</p>	<p>Linked with the Wagga Wagga Transport Plan project webpage.</p> <p>The platform included a link to the Future Transport webpage that highlighted the Draft Transport Plan initiatives and a survey to capture feedback.</p>

	<p>The survey asked respondents to rate their priorities on the transport network within Wagga Wagga and offered the option to provide written feedback.</p>
<p>Project email SouthProjects@transport.nsw.gov.au</p>	<p>This email address was used to allow the Project Team to communicate with stakeholders and enabled written feedback submissions to be made.</p>
<p>Member of Parliament briefings</p>	<p>A formal briefing on the Draft Transport Plan was provided to the Local Member for Wagga Wagga, Dr Joe McGirr.</p>
<p>Council briefings</p>	<p>A formal briefing on the Draft Transport Plan was provided to Wagga Wagga City Councillors during the exhibition period.</p>
<p>Online key stakeholder briefings</p>	<p>Two separate project briefings were delivered to key stakeholders during the exhibition period. Key stakeholders in attendance included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busabout • Ron Crouch Transport • Committee for Wagga Wagga • Wagga Wagga Business Chamber • Charles Sturt University • TAFE NSW • Red Cross • NSW Police Force – Wagga Wagga <p>Briefings took place online via Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>An information session was also organised by the Committee for Wagga Wagga with Dr Joe McGirr, representatives of the Project Team and Wagga Wagga City Council to discuss the Draft Transport Plan with its members.</p>
<p>Social Media</p>	<p>Facebook was used to raise awareness of the Draft Transport Plan with the target audience. A total of five posts were run throughout the four-week campaign.</p> <p>Content included videos which encouraged viewers to read the Draft Plan, rate the initiatives, and have their say.</p> <p>Two event posts were created for the online information session and the drop-in session.</p>

	<p>Geo-targeting was used to ensure the messaging was seen by individuals in the Wagga Wagga region.</p> <p>Feedback was not collected from comments made on social media.</p> <p>The Facebook campaign had a combined reach of about 35,000 people.</p>
Advertising	<p>Adverts were published in The Daily Advertiser.</p> <p>There were two rounds of advertising; one coincided with the release of the Draft Transport Plan and the second took place in the final weeks of the campaign.</p> <p>The adverts encouraged the community to provide feedback on the project and provided details of the online and drop-in information sessions.</p>
Online information session	<p>An online community information session was carried out on Microsoft Teams with the Project Team and a representative from Wagga Wagga City Council.</p> <p>This online session provided a brief overview of the Draft Transport Plan and provided an opportunity for community members to have their questions answered in real-time. A recording of the session was uploaded to the project page for those who were unable to attend the session.</p>
Drop-in session	<p>A drop-in session was conducted at the Wagga Wagga City Council Meeting Rooms. About 60 community members attended the session.</p> <p>This provided an opportunity for community members to come and talk to members of the Project Team, have their questions answered, and submit their feedback.</p>
Media release	<p>A media release was issued announcing the release of the Draft Transport Plan and the opening of the consultation period.</p> <p>The release provided a basic outline of the Draft Transport Plan and its purpose, as well as details about how to provide feedback during the consultation period.</p>

<p>Emails to identified key stakeholders</p>	<p>An email was sent at the start of the consultation period, inviting approximately 100 stakeholders to attend targeted briefings with the Project Team.</p> <p>The email also included the link to the Draft Transport Plan webpage as the mechanism to provide feedback or make submissions.</p> <p>A follow-up email was sent to the stakeholders with a reminder of the briefing a day before the event.</p>
<p>Postcard</p>	<p>A postcard was delivered to about 35,000 residences in Wagga Wagga via Australia Post, inviting the community to have their say on the future of Wagga Wagga’s transport network.</p> <p>The postcard included links to the project page and contact details for the community to call, email, and write their submissions.</p> <p>It also invited the community to join the online and drop-in information sessions.</p>

3. Consultation Summary

3.1 Overview

During the exhibition period, Transport for NSW received a total of 122 submissions on the Draft Transport Plan. Of these, 65 were received via the online feedback form, 27 via email, 23 were captured in-person during the drop-in event, four by phone and three by post.

Following the review of all 122 submissions, Transport for NSW subsequently categorised issues raised under the following key themes:

- Public Transport Improvements
- Walking and Cycling
- Traffic and Congestion
- Place Outcomes
- Accessible Transport
- Safety
- Transport Network Resilience
- Road and Rail Freight
- Environment and Sustainability
- Technology
- Initiative Timing and Status

3.2 Feedback and responses

This section outlines the key feedback raised in submissions from the community, businesses, and stakeholders in relation to each of the 11 topic themes, as well as providing general responses on how and where the issue has been addressed in the final Plan.

In all instances, feedback provided has been shared with the relevant Transport for NSW project teams and/or responsible area for further consideration.

Topic	Feedback overview	Response
Public Transport Improvements		
<p>Improved frequency and operating hours for buses</p> <p>Better timetable and route information</p> <p>Improved bus connections to Glenfield Park, Henty, Lake Albert, Tatton, and the Airport</p>	<p>Feedback was provided in relation to improvements to public transport frequency, operating hours, timetabling and route information.</p> <p>Feedback was also raised about to improving bus connections to local centres.</p>	<p>Transport for NSW in collaboration with Council have implemented more than 240 extra bus services a week as part of the 16 Regional Cities Bus Services Improvement Program. This includes a bookable service for shift workers at the Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct. However, through Initiative C10 Transport for NSW will continually enhance the bus network for Wagga Wagga to proactively respond to changes in customer need, population, land use and technology.</p>
<p>Improved bus connections to Canberra</p>	<p>Feedback was provided in relation to improving bus connections to Canberra.</p>	<p>Transport for NSW will address connectivity between Wagga Wagga and its surrounding catchment using a Regional Connected Networks approach. This approach and its application are outlined in Section 3.2.2 Improving connections beyond Wagga Wagga and committed in Initiatives C15 and C16.</p>
<p>The Grange Village Bus</p>	<p>Feedback was provided in relation to improving bus connections to the Grange Village. Specifically, Route 960 has been requested as a service to be extended.</p>	<p>Transport for NSW has investigated 7km (return) route extension from Lake Albert Village to The Grange in Gregadoo Road and based on the feedback received during the community consultation phase of the 16 Regional Cities Bus Services Improvement Program, the benefits, and implications of providing a service to Grange Village have been considered. Particular attention was given to assessing potential catchment areas and the past unsuccessful trial of a similar service which attracted little patronage.</p>
<p>Integration of the bus network with existing rail, airport, and school infrastructure</p>	<p>Feedback was provided in relation to better integrating the existing bus network with existing rail, airport, and school infrastructure.</p>	<p>Transport for NSW in collaboration with Council have implemented more than 240 extra bus services a week as part of the 16 Regional Cities Bus Services Improvement Program. This includes a bookable service for shift workers at the Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct. However, through Initiative C10 Transport for NSW will continually enhance the bus network for Wagga Wagga to proactively respond to changes in customer need, population, land use and technology.</p>

City shuttle bus service	Feedback was provided in relation to a free city shuttle bus service to the Wagga Wagga CBD given the distance between the town centre and the train station.	Transport for NSW will periodically review the bus network in Wagga Wagga. This will take a whole of network view and if a city shuttle is an enabling element to the whole network, then it will be given sufficient consideration. Please refer to initiative C10.
XPT Timetable	Feedback was provided in relation to the XPT timetable and its lack of integration with connections to Sydney, Melbourne, and Canberra.	Transport for NSW will work with Council and other stakeholders to investigate solutions to improve the XPT timetable integration with other local transport services.
Day return bus	Feedback was provided in relation to providing more day return bus services.	Transport for NSW will work with relevant stakeholders to investigate increasing capacity for day return bus services to, and from, Wagga Wagga. There are currently daily coach services running between Wagga Wagga and Canberra. For more information, please refer to Section 3.2.2 Improving connections beyond Wagga Wagga.
Bikes on Buses for the Bush	Feedback was provided in relation to allowing bikes on buses for better point to point accessibility.	Transport for NSW is currently trialling Bikes on Buses in Queanbeyan. Pending the outcome of this trial, Transport will work with communities to investigate other locations for implementation.
Hub and Spoke model of service	Feedback was received about the applications of the Hub and Spoke model of planning.	Since the draft exhibition, the thinking around service planning has evolved. The Plan applies a Regional Connected Networks approach to service planning as described in Section 3.2.2 Improving connections beyond Wagga Wagga.
Aviation Connectivity	Feedback was provided regarding the importance of aviation connectivity to Wagga Wagga.	Transport for NSW is committed to ensuring their works align with aviation connectivity. This is outlined in Section 3.2.2 Improving connections beyond Wagga Wagga.
Walking and Cycling		
Active Transport	Feedback was provided in relation to providing wider paths for active transport	Transport for NSW will work with Local Government and other stakeholders to deliver improved walking and cycling networks that protect vulnerable road users as outlined in Section 3.2.1 Improving

	users, safer bicycle crossings over rivers, active transport infrastructure on the Sturt Highway/Edward Street, better lighting, and an increase in pedestrian/bicycle paths across the city.	connections within Wagga Wagga and Section 3.3.2 Create a safer environment for walking and cycling. This includes the construction of a 56-kilometre walking and cycling network and end of trip facilities. For more information, please refer to: https://wagga.nsw.gov.au/projects/cycling-network
Education	Feedback was provided in relation to motorists needing more training and education around driving safely in the vicinity of bike riders.	Transport for NSW will work with Local Government and other stakeholders to assist in delivering programs which educate and guide road users on awareness around bike riders, which is outlined in Section 3.3.1 Identify causes and locations of safety concern and Section 3.3.2 Create a safer environment for walking and cycling. This is reflected in Initiatives S4 and S7.
Rail trail cycle routes	Feedback was provided in relation to creating a more direct bike route between Forest Hill and the CBD. Further feedback provided highlighted the need to utilise the unused rail corridor.	The use of the unused rail corridor to Forest Hill was investigated as part of the network planning when defining the Active Transport Network in Wagga Wagga. The parts of the rail line that were feasible to use as rail trail were included. The section that was not included in the network was deemed not feasible.
River Crossings	Feedback was provided in relation to the need for more safe river crossings for pedestrians and cyclists.	Council is investigating the location of a pedestrian/cycle bridge across the Murrumbidgee River. Information on this can be found here: https://wagga.nsw.gov.au/projects/cycling-network
Traffic and Congestion		
Brindabella Ranges	Feedback was provided in relation to providing a direct link from Canberra to Wagga Wagga through the Brindabella Ranges by either road or rail.	This is beyond the scope of this Plan.
Northern Link Road	Feedback was provided in relation to	Transport for NSW will investigate North Wagga Wagga transport & freight connectivity improvements,

	giving priority to the Northern Link Road to facilitate better connectivity from Byrnes Road to the Olympic Highway and the freight hub.	including the option of Gobbagombalin Bridge duplication, Northern Link Road, broader network improvements and road/ rail connectivity to the Special Activation Precinct. This is outlined in Section 3.2.1 Improving connections within Wagga Wagga and in initiative C14.
Docker Street	Feedback was provided in relation to the amount of traffic and congestion, future level rail crossings, and need for better signage along Docker Street.	Transport for NSW will work with Council and other stakeholders to address congestion throughout Wagga Wagga by implementing initiatives that aim to improve multimodal transport patronage and reduce the congestion caused by high levels of private vehicle usage.
Edward Street and Pearson Street	Feedback was provided in relation to the traffic and congestion along Edward Street and Pearson Street given the existing roundabout and the amount freight movement.	Transport for NSW will work with Council and other stakeholders to address congestion throughout Wagga Wagga by implementing initiatives that aim to improve multimodal transport patronage and reduce the congestion caused by high levels of private vehicle usage.
Eunony Bridge Road	Feedback was provided in relation to the combined impact of traffic and congestion along Eunony Bridge Road.	Transport for NSW and Council have upgraded this road to meet the increased demand due to the Special Activation Precinct.
Glenfield Road	Feedback was provided in relation to the high levels of traffic and congestion including the intersection upgrades along Glenfield Road. Feedback was also provided about duplicating Glenfield Road.	Transport for NSW will work with Council and other stakeholders to address congestion throughout Wagga Wagga by implementing initiatives that aim to improve multimodal transport patronage and reduce the congestion caused by high levels of private vehicle usage.

Gobbagombalin Bridge	Feedback was provided in relation to revising speed limits given the existing traffic and congestion along the Gobbagombalin Bridge.	Transport for NSW will work to proactively address road safety issues on the Gobbagombalin Bridge via improving the intersections on either side of the bridge. This will reduce delays and help provide a safe and reliable journey into Wagga Wagga from the north. Transport will also address congestion throughout Wagga Wagga by implementing initiatives that aim to improve multimodal transport patronage and reduce the congestion caused by high levels of private vehicle usage. For more information, please refer to Section 3.2.1 Improving connections within Wagga Wagga and initiative C14.
Inglewood Road	Feedback was provided in relation to widening Inglewood Road to improve connectivity to the outer suburbs of Wagga Wagga.	Transport for NSW will work with Council and other stakeholders to address congestion throughout Wagga Wagga by implementing initiatives that aim to improve multimodal transport patronage and reduce the congestion caused by high levels of private vehicle usage.
Moorong Street and Sturt Highway	Feedback was provided in relation the increase of traffic being re-directed along Moorong Street and the Sturt Highway. Feedback also highlighted the need for the removal and replacement of the Moorong Street roundabout with traffic lights.	Issues at the intersection of Moorong Street and the Sturt Highway will be partially resolved with the upgrade to the Travers Street intersection that is currently in delivery. Other issues will be considered as part of the holistic investigation into North Wagga Wagga transport & freight connectivity improvements. This includes the option of Gobbagombalin Bridge duplication, Northern Link Road, broader network improvements and road/ rail connectivity to the Special Activation Precinct which have been committed for investigation in the short term. For more details, please refer to Section 3.2.1 Improving connections within Wagga Wagga and Initiative C14.
Old Narrandera Road and Pine Gully Road	Feedback was provided in relation to installing traffic lights on the intersection between Old Narrandera Road and Pine Gully Road.	Council is upgrading a section of Pine Gully Road and Old Narrandera Road, located south-west of the suburb of Estella in North Wagga Wagga.
Signage	Feedback was provided in relation to the need for more road and safety signage across the Wagga	Transport for NSW will work with Council and other stakeholders to address the need for more safety signage at major intersections and more directional signage around hospitals and major roads as outlined

	Wagga region. The feedback received also highlighted the need for more signage around the Base Hospital and Dock Street area.	in 3.3.1 Identify causes and locations of safety concern.
Southern Bypass	Feedback was provided in relation to the investigation of constructing a Southern Bypass for the movement of freight and other large transportation vehicles.	Section 3.4.6 of the Plan commits Council and Transport for NSW to investigate the feasibility of a southern bypass of Wagga Wagga in the short-term (0-5 years).
Speed Limits	Feedback was provided in relation to changing speed limits within the Wagga Wagga region.	Transport for NSW will work with Council and NSW Centre for Road Safety to identify areas that require changes to existing speed limits to improve road safety within Wagga Wagga as outlined in Section 3.3.2 Create a safer environment for walking and cycling. Initiative S5 describes Council and Transport for NSW's response.
Tasman Road and Mitchell Road	Feedback was provided in relation identifying a road corridor between Tasman Road and Mitchell Road to provide a north-south connection.	This is beyond the scope of this Plan. North-south connectivity has been addressed throughout the Plan.
Toll Road	Feedback was provided in relation to introducing a toll road for traffic going through the CBD.	Transport for NSW will work with Council and other stakeholders to investigate all viable options to manage traffic and congestion moving through the Wagga Wagga CBD. However, the introduction of toll roads are considered to be outside the scope of the Plan.
Trail Street through traffic	Feedback was provided in relation to the significant increase in traffic and congestion on Trail Street as well as	Transport for NSW will address congestion throughout Wagga Wagga by implementing initiatives that aim to improve multimodal transport patronage and reduce the congestion caused by high levels of private vehicle usage.

	associated noise and safety issues.	
Travers Street and Old Narrandera Road	Feedback was provided in relation to the need for traffic lights given the amount of traffic on Travers Street and Old Narrandera Road.	TfNSW is currently planning to upgrade the intersections of the Olympic Highway with both Travers Street and Old Narrandera Road with traffic signals. Further information on the project can be found at https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/olympic-highway-intersection-upgrades/index.html
Place Outcomes		
Affordable Housing	Feedback was provided in relation to preserving land for housing around the proposed Southern Bypass.	Preserving land for affordable housing is outside the scope of works for the Plan. Transport for NSW will work with the Department of Planning and Environment and Council to investigate equitable access for areas containing affordable housing in future plans.
Amenity	Feedback was provided in relation to the impacts of traffic flow on the amenity of residents within the Wagga Wagga region. Specific reference has been made to Trail Street, which has seen an increase in traffic movement.	Transport for NSW will work with Council and other stakeholders to implement the Movement and Place Framework and Road User Space Allocation policy into all work. This is outlined in Section 3.1.3 Guiding Principles.
Health and Knowledge Precinct	Feedback was provided in relation to safety concerns for motorists and pedestrians on streets within the Health and Knowledge Precinct.	Transport for NSW will work with Council to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists along Docker Street, which is consistent with the recommendations in the Health and Knowledge Precinct Master Plan. Improving safety will help deliver positive place outcomes within the Health and Knowledge Precinct as outlined in Initiative S2.
Parking	Feedback was provided in relation to parking within Wagga Wagga CBD.	Time-restricted on-street parking in areas of high demand like the Wagga Wagga CBD assists greater space turnover, thereby providing more opportunities for available on-street spaces. As Wagga Wagga continues to grow and more areas of high place function evolve, Council and Transport for NSW will work together to ensure on-street parking restrictions remain 'fit-for-purpose' across the regional city and positively supports the needs of nearby land uses.

Signage	Feedback was provided in relation to providing clearer directional signage in new urban growth areas as well as the need for additional road signage.	Transport for NSW will work with Council to deliver more directional and identification signage, which will result in improved place outcomes as outlined in Section 3.2.1 Improving connections within Wagga Wagga.
Southern Bypass	Feedback was provided in relation to the impacts of the proposed Southern Bypass to surrounding areas and residents.	Section 3.4.6 of the Plan commits Council and Transport for NSW to investigate the feasibility of a southern bypass of Wagga Wagga in the short-term (0-5 years).
Tourism	Feedback was provided in relation to promoting tourism within the Wagga Wagga region. In particular, the feedback highlighted the need for greater detail on tourism opportunities in the Plan.	Transport for NSW will work with Tourism NSW, Regional NSW, and Council to provide the enabling transport function which will support regional tourism in Wagga Wagga.
Baylis Street to be closed to cars	Feedback was provided in relation to closing Baylis Street to cars in order to prioritise walking and public transport within the Wagga Wagga CBD.	Transport for NSW will work with Council to prioritise people over vehicles on Baylis Street. This includes the use of traffic light intersection sequencing and traffic calming devices as outlined in Section 3.3.2 Create a safer environment for walking and cycling. This is reflected in Initiative S6.
Accessible Transport		
Accessibility	Feedback was provided in relation to the need for timetables to be user friendly, with particular reference to those who are visually impaired. Feedback was also provided on the need for both audible	Transport for NSW will work with Council and other stakeholders to investigate options to provide more inclusive transport infrastructure such as accessible paths and crossings and, improving the online experience of accessing information and digital ticketing for all customers. In addition, Initiatives C3 and C4 will consider opportunities to improve the crossability of key streets across the regional city.

	pedestrian traffic signals and sidewalk cuts for wheelchairs and prams.	
Safety		
Edward Street and Pearson Street	Feedback was provided in relation to providing better lighting and more footpaths along Edward Street and Pearson Street. Feedback received also highlighted a need for heavy vehicles to bypass Edward Street.	Transport for NSW will work with Council and other stakeholders to investigate initiatives to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety along Edward and Pearson Street. Furthermore, Transport for NSW seeks to apply the Safe System Approach to proactively address road safety, as outlined in Section 3.3.1 Identify causes and locations of safety concern and Initiative S1.
Gobbagombalin Bridge	Feedback was provided in relation to the safety improvements along the Gobbagombalin Bridge.	Transport for NSW will work to proactively address road safety issues on the Gobbagombalin Bridge via improving the intersections on either side of the bridge. This will reduce delays and help provide a safe and reliable journey into Wagga Wagga from the north. For more information, please refer to Section 3.2.1 Improving connections within Wagga Wagga and Initiative C14.
Kapooka Road	Feedback was provided in relation to the amount of traffic and congestion along Kapooka Road. Concerns were raised over the safety of the Kapooka Road and Olympic Highway intersection.	Transport for NSW will work with Council and other stakeholders to identify safety concerns at the Kapooka Road and Olympic Highway intersection as part of periodic safety reviews in Wagga Wagga.
Level Crossings	Feedback was provided in relation to the safety improvements for level crossings at Fernleigh Road, Docker Street and Bourke Streets. Further feedback was provided in relation to	Transport for NSW will work with Council and the Inland Rail project team to investigate solutions to improve safety at crossings along Fernleigh Road, Docker Street and Bourke Street. Furthermore through Initiative P4, Council and Transport for NSW will work with ARTC to investigate the impact of future rail freight movements on vehicle wait times at the Docker Street and Fernleigh Road level crossings.

	the impact of levels crossings required for the Inland Rail project.	
Lighting	Feedback was provided in relation to providing more lighting improvements along Council and State-owned roads.	Transport for NSW will work with Council to identify Council and State-owned roads which require improved road and pedestrian lighting, as outlined in Section 3.3 Safe.
Lower Tarcutta Road and Sturt Highway	Feedback was provided in relation to safety issues for vehicles at the junction of Lower Tarcutta Road and Sturt Highway.	Due to the location of this intersection, this issue does not fall within the scope of this Plan but will be investigated separately by Transport for NSW.
Northern Link Road	Feedback was provided in relation to supporting a Northern Link Road to separate vehicles and freight, to minimise congestion and safety concerns along local roads.	Transport for NSW will work with Council and other stakeholders to investigate solutions to improve safety for both vehicles and freight along state and local roads within the Wagga Wagga region, as outlined in Section 3.2.1 Improving connections within Wagga Wagga and Initiative C14.
Signage	Feedback was provided in relation to additional safety signage for vehicles and pedestrians.	Transport for NSW will work with Council, NSW Centre for Road Safety, and other stakeholders to investigate and identify areas to implement road safety signage. Transport for NSW aims to deliver improved road safety across the region through the implementation of the Safe System Approach and other initiatives which support the “Towards Zero” goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries on our roads by 2056, as outlined in Section 3.3 Safe.
Travers Street and Old Narrandera Road	Feedback was provided in relation to intersection improvements and traffic diversions through Travers Street and Old Narrandera Road.	Transport for NSW has worked with Council to identify the best solutions for improvements at the Travers Street and Old Narrandera Road intersection. These are now in delivery.

Transport Network Resilience		
Flood plain viaduct	Feedback was provided in relation to the flood plain viaduct and whether it will be able to support Inland Rail traffic.	This has been investigated as part of the federal Inland Rail project. However, it is not within the scope of this Plan.
Gobbagombalin Bridge	Feedback was provided in relation to the whether the Gobbagombalin Bridge can be duplicated and constructed at different heights to better withstand major flooding events.	Transport for NSW is committed to working with stakeholders to investigate solutions and viable options to provide safe river crossings and a more resilient transport network within the Wagga Wagga region. This includes further investigation into the possible duplication of the Gobbagombalin Bridge, referred to in Section 3.2.1 Improving connections within Wagga Wagga and Initiative C14.
Alternative river crossing	Feedback from stakeholders raised the possible opportunity for an additional flood-proof crossing of the river.	Transport for NSW is committed to working with stakeholders to investigate solutions and viable options to provide safe river crossings and a more resilient transport network within the Wagga Wagga region. This includes further investigation into a possible additional river crossing, referred to in Section 3.2.1 Improving connections within Wagga Wagga and Initiative C14.
Road and Rail Freight		
Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct	Positive feedback was provided in relation to improving road and rail freight connections to the Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct.	Transport for NSW will work with Council and other stakeholders to improve connections to the Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct through the delivery of the Inland Rail project and investigation into improving the heavy vehicle network as outlined in Section 3.4.1 Infrastructure that supports “moving more with less”.
Data	Feedback was provided in relation to the potential for Transport for NSW to use more of the heavy vehicle movement data available when writing the Plan.	Transport for NSW continuously aims to utilise existing data on heavy vehicle freight movement effectively.

Inland Rail	Feedback was provided in relation to investigations into a potential Inland Rail corridor between Brisbane and Melbourne. Feedback also raised queries about the outcome of the investigations, potential timing of the project and expedited delivery.	The Inland Rail Project is an Australian Government initiative. Issues relating to the delivery of the project are outside of the scope of this Plan.
West Truck Stop	Feedback was provided in relation to the provision of a west truck stop.	Transport for NSW will work with Council and other stakeholders to identify and prioritise the needs of the freight industry. We will work with all stakeholders to identify issues and solutions. Please refer to Section 3.4.2 Heavy vehicle rest areas and decoupling sites for more information.
Movement of oversize/overmass vehicles	Feedback was received about the limited ability for oversize and/or overmass vehicle movement.	Transport for NSW will work with Council and industry to identify industry needs to better support freight movements through Wagga Wagga. For further discussion please refer to Section 3.4.1 Infrastructure that supports “moving more with less”.
Environment and Sustainability		
Biogas to fuel transport Transitioning to battery powered and hybrid vehicles	Feedback was provided in relation to biogas fuelling the transport sector and Transport for NSW commitments regarding a smooth transition of their passenger fleet to low emission vehicles and, how Transport for NSW is going to assist in increasing the uptake of hybrid and battery powered vehicle ownership.	Information on how Transport for NSW and Council will facilitate the fleet transition to emissions-free technology is presented in Section 3.4.7 of the Plan. However, the use of biogas in the transport sector is not included in the scope of works for the Plan.

Technology		
Autonomous Vehicle Enhancements	Feedback was provided in relation to future use of autonomous vehicle enhancements within the Wagga Wagga region.	Transport for NSW is committed to reducing transport sector emissions and will work with DPE, DRNSW and other stakeholders on a range of initiatives, including the use of Autonomous Vehicles.
Hybrid Vehicles	Feedback was provided in relation to the initiatives around the introduction and use of hybrid vehicles.	Information on how Transport for NSW and Council will facilitate the fleet transition to emissions-free technology is presented in Section 3.4.7 of the Plan.
Timetables/Tap Pay	Feedback was provided in relation to possible timetable and tap pay improvements within the Wagga Wagga region.	Transport for NSW has delivered real time information and timetables in Wagga Wagga and will work with stakeholders to deliver digital payment options across the region as they become available.
On-demand	Feedback was provided in relation to an on-demand public transport trial for the Bomen Area.	Transport for NSW will work with Council and other stakeholders to integrate on-demand services into the existing public transport network as outlined in Section 3.2.1 Improving connections within Wagga Wagga and Initiative C11.
Initiative Timing and Status		
Initiative timing	Feedback was received about the provision of greater clarity around the timing of initiatives.	Chapter 3.4 of the Plan has been updated to provide greater clarity on timeframes for when Transport for NSW and Council will be providing updates on the deliverables and the five-year refresh of the Plan. For further discussion please refer to Section 4 Initiatives.
Bypass	Feedback was provided in relation to the potential construction of a bypass around the Wagga Wagga Town Centre for freight and heavy vehicles.	Section 3.4.6 of the Plan commits Council and Transport for NSW to investigate the feasibility of a southern bypass of Wagga Wagga in the short-term (0-5 years).
Gobbagombalin Bridge	Feedback was provided in relation to the potential	Although the findings of the Wagga Wagga Urban Highway Study's findings did not support the duplication of the Gobbagombalin Bridge in the short

	duplication of the Gobbagombalin Bridge.	to medium term, Initiative C14 commits both Transport for NSW and Council to collectively investigate the impact of land use change and changing travel demand along the Edward Street (Sturt Highway) Corridor, connections to North Wagga Wagga, the northern growth areas and the Wagga Wagga Special Activation. This investigation will include consideration of a duplicated Gobbagombalin Bridge, as well as both service and infrastructure solutions, be multi-modal in its approach, and provide clarity on when preferred solutions will need to be delivered.
Clearer Heavy Vehicle initiatives	Feedback was received around the lack of clarity regarding initiatives for heavy vehicles.	Chapter 3.4 of the Plan has been updated to provide greater clarity on heavy vehicle initiatives.

4. Next steps

4.1 Thank you

Transport for NSW would like to thank everyone who took the time to consider the draft Plan and provide feedback.

The feedback and submissions received provided valuable input into the development of the final Plan.

4.2 Implementation of the Plan

The publication of this Consultation Summary Report accompanies the release of the final Wagga Wagga Transport Plan.

Transport for NSW and Council will report annually on the status and progress of all 35 initiatives committed in the Plan. An update of the Transport Plan will be undertaken every five years to ensure that the transport vision and initiatives continue to respond to growth and the changing needs of Wagga Wagga.



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