

# Draft Central Coast Regional Transport Plan

## Frequently asked questions

### What is the draft Central Coast Regional Transport Plan?

The draft Central Coast Regional Transport Plan (the Plan) outlines the strategic framework for how Transport for NSW will respond to changes in land use, population and travel demand across the region over the next 20 years.

It provides a blueprint for transforming the way people and goods travel within, to and through the Central Coast over the next 20 years.

The Plan is a supporting plan to the NSW Future Transport 2056 strategy.

### Why do we need a Regional Transport Plan for the Central Coast?

Over the next 20 years the Central Coast is expected to change significantly.

- The region's population is projected to increase by over 70,000 to 430,000 people by 2041
- There will be investment to improve multi-modal connectivity between the Central Coast and the Global Gateways of Newcastle and Greater Sydney. The introduction of the Mariyung Fleet services will make travel through the region more reliable, comfortable, accessible and reliable, complemented further by potential Fast Rail and Outer Sydney Orbital connections in the future
- Better integration between land use and transport planning will see more of the population within 30 minutes travel to jobs, education, hospitals, and retail throughout the Central Coast, with 15-minute access to neighbourhood businesses such as cafes, supermarkets and community facilities.
- Freight traffic will continue to evolve and will be accommodated and moved efficiently on our road, rail and aviation networks
- The role of the transport sector in supporting a transition to a low emissions economy will increase

We need a plan in place to make sure our transport network can meet the changing needs of our region.

The Plan supports improved connectivity between the Central Coast and key destinations beyond the region including Greater Sydney, Greater Newcastle and Canberra.

### How was the draft Central Coast Regional Transport Plan developed?

The Plan has been developed through formal engagement with key State and local government stakeholders from around the region to make sure it is relevant to the area.

Stakeholders engaged during development of this draft plan include representatives from Central Coast Council and relevant State government agencies.

## How will the community benefit from the Transport Plan?

The draft Central Coast Regional Transport Plan identifies a number of initiatives for investigation to improve safety, connectivity, productivity and resilience of the transport network. This will improve the range of transport services and options available to the community.

By 2041 these improvements described in the draft Transport plan will deliver benefits such as:

- **A connected region** – increased population within a 30-minute public transport trip of jobs, education and services in Gosford
- **An integrated network** – that embraces the 15-minute neighbourhood planning principle where people regularly choose to walk, cycle or take public transport to shops, services, schools or work
- **Inter-regional connection** – that builds on the Maryung Fleet and road upgrades as well as a potential future Fast Rail connection to improve multimodal connectivity between the Central Coast, the Hunter and Greater Sydney for passengers and freight
- **Integrated transport, land use and infrastructure** – that reflects balanced movement and place outcomes, contributing to better places and improving public transport attractiveness
- **Supporting economic development** – through improved networks that support the Somersby to Erina and Tuggerah to Warnervale growth corridors, embrace technology-driven solutions, and address first mile/last mile freight
- **Supporting tourism** – through improved road networks and public transport services as well as integrated walking and cycling connections allowing visitors to easily explore the region
- **Greater productivity** – integrated transport infrastructure and services that connect residents with jobs, education, leisure and health ensuring the continued growth and diversification of sectors across the region, with first and last mile solutions tailored to support successful places
- **Greater safety** – by addressing crash clusters, delivering educational and behavioural campaigns, utilising technology and taking a system wide approach to minimise the impact of human error
- **Improved customer experience** – by exploiting innovation and advances in technology to enable new and more personalised mobility solutions, inform customer decision-making with more 'real-time' information, improve safety, network resilience and freight efficiencies

- **A more sustainable region** – through uptake of electric vehicles (EV) in the transport fleet, an improved EV fast charging network and supporting the proposed Hunter-Central Coast Renewable Energy Zone (REZ)
- **A more resilient region** – that builds climate and hazard resilience into the network's infrastructure supported by adaptive management strategies that maintain emergency access along key routes and bring the network back on-line quickly following planned and unplanned disruption.

## Which local government area does the draft Central Coast Regional Transport Plan cover?

The Plan covers the Central Coast Council local government area.

## How does the draft Central Coast Regional Transport Plan support a lower emissions future?

The Plan recognises the NSW Government's target of net zero emissions by 2050 and identifies initiatives to support the proposed Hunter-Central Coast Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) through transition of the transport network and NSW Government's fleet to lower emission technologies. This includes supporting the use of clean energy fuel sources for vehicles and increasing public and active transport to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transport sector.

The Plan embraces the use of technology to reduce the need to travel, including the use of telehealth, online shopping and food delivery services.

## How does the Plan link in with other planning happening for our region?

The draft plan has been developed together with the Department of Planning and Environment's (DPE's) Draft Central Coast Regional Plan 2041.

The draft Transport plan and DPE's draft regional plan are closely aligned with each other and aim to deliver initiatives that will benefit the Central Coast Region into the future.

The draft Transport plan also responds to the NSW Government's target of net zero emissions by 2050 and seeks to accelerate the transition of the transport sector to a low emissions future.

## What is DPE Draft Central Coast Regional Plan 2041?

DPE's draft Central Coast Regional Plan 2041 is the NSW Government's plan to ensure the ongoing prosperity and growth of the Central Coast Region. It provides a vision and direction to guide planning and land use decisions over the next 20 years to drive job creation, housing diversity and vibrant, resilient, liveable communities.

You can visit <https://dpe.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/central-coast-2041> to read the draft regional plan.

## When will the initiatives in the draft Central Coast Regional Transport Plan be delivered?

The initiatives identified in the Plan respond to the challenges identified for the region.

While some initiatives are already in the delivery or planning phases, new initiatives will be prioritised and staged over the next 20 years to deliver the best outcomes for the region.

Feedback captured from stakeholders and the community will be used to refine and finalise the plan and the timing of initiatives.

Transport will provide status updates every 12 months, and the Plan will be refreshed every five years.

## What feedback are you seeking for the Draft Central Coast Regional Transport Plan?

We are asking you to think about:

1. If you support the transport vision, objectives and initiatives outlined in the Plan?
2. Are there issues, ideas or initiatives that are important to you or that we have missed in the Plan?

The feedback we receive will help refine the plan.

## How can I provide feedback on the draft Central Coast Regional Transport Plan?

Stakeholders and communities are encouraged to provide their feedback on the draft Central Coast Regional Transport Plan via:

- Our project webpage at <https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/CentralCoastRTP>
- By email: [CentralCoastRTP@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:CentralCoastRTP@transport.nsw.gov.au)

*Please note that stakeholder briefings will start from February 2023.*

## When will the draft Central Coast Regional Transport Plan be finalised?

Transport will review all feedback received during the display period and update the Plan where required.

The Plan will be finalised and released by mid-2023.

## Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more on the draft Central Coast Regional Transport Plan please contact our project team:



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