Frequently Asked Questions

Frenchs Forest Road and Naree Road one way traffic arrangement

**What is happening on Frenchs Forest and Naree Road?**
Frenchs Forest and Naree Road will temporarily become one way in a westbound direction (towards Chatswood) for road construction work for up to ten months from Sunday 8 October. Eastbound traffic (towards the beaches) will be diverted and detoured along Warringah Road.

**Why is this traffic arrangement taking place?**
These traffic changes allow for the widening and upgrading of Frenchs Forest Road between Patanga Road (near Allambie Road) and Forest Way. The changes are required so we can carry out the road upgrade in time for the new hospital opening in October 2018.

This construction methodology is quicker and safer for motorists and traffic controllers working on the site and will substantially reduce the amount of night work required along Frenchs Forest Road and Naree Road.

**What is involved?**
This phase of construction involves drainage work, road widening, road work, footpath work, utility work, drainage work and some driveway adjustments to properties along Frenchs Forest and Naree Road.

**When will the road be returned to normal?**
After the construction work is complete, Frenchs Forest Road and Naree Road will be a dual lane carriageway in both directions.

**Will this change my property access?**
Properties with driveways fronting Frenchs Forest Road and Naree Road will be impacted for up to five days during a rolling schedule of work while a new driveway is poured and set. Driveways will be reinstated on a like-for-like basis, that is, using a similar material to the existing driveway. The driveways will be tied-in to the widened and upgraded road level. There is no cost to the owner for the new driveway. All residents will be contacted to discuss the driveway adjustment work at their property prior to the work commencing.

Vehicles will be unable to access affected driveways for up to five days, weather permitting. We will provide advance notice of up to five working days before the start of work and discuss arrangements for alternative parking with affected residents.

**Will there be any night work?**
Night work occurred on Saturday 7 October to put the new new traffic arrangements in place. The traffic changes will allow for a reduction in the overall amount of night work required, however some night work may be required at times. Where night work is required, it will be in accordance with our environmental licence and residents will be notified in advance.

**Will pedestrian and cyclist paths be maintained during this time?**
Footpaths for pedestrians and cyclists will be maintained at all times throughout this period. However, there may be minor temporary detours in place. Signage and traffic controllers will be in place and available to assist.

Pathways to the new bus stops will include lighting, reflectors and line marking to guide bus customers to Warringah Road.

**Will there be changes to the buses?**
Yes. Eastbound bus stops on the northern side of Frenchs Forest Road will be temporarily closed and two temporary alternative bus stops will be opened on Warringah Road.

Signage will be in place to assist pedestrians with the changes. Transport for NSW will have ‘pink shirt’ staff at the closed bus stops to assist commuters during the first week of the changes.

Passengers will need to walk an extra 200-600m to one of two new bus stop locations. One temporary bus stop will be located on Warringah Road near Forest High School. Pedestrians will be able to access this bus stop through the pedestrian walkway/laneway between The Forest High School and the new hospital.

The other bus stop will be located near the Parkway Hotel on Warringah Road. Pedestrians will be able to follow the white line marking through the car park of the Parkway Hotel, 5 Frenchs Forest Road East, to Warringah Road.

A map of these changes is provided below, with more details available on the project website. For copies of the bus maps, please contact the Community Team.

We engaged with over 30 schools throughout the area prior to the school holidays to ensure students, parents and carers were supplied with updated bus information that may impact access and journeys to school upon their return on 9 October.

**How will my garbage get collected? How will my mail be delivered? Will emergency access be maintained?**
Postal deliveries, garbage pickup and emergency access will be maintained during this rolling program of work.

Maintained footpath access will allow continued postal deliveries and arrangements are being made to ensure uninterrupted garbage collection at all properties. All residents will be contacted individually to discuss the impact to their property and driveways.

Emergency access will be maintained at all times and up-to-date information will be provided to residents and businesses during the construction period.

Emergency services including Fire & Rescue NSW were also involved in the planning of the one way arrangement.

**If I have a large delivery, how will they access my house?**
Delivery access will be available to all streets and properties, just like any other vehicle.

If you are planning any large deliveries, we would recommend you contact the Community Team to help coordinate the delivery with you and the construction team.

**With restricted access out of Rabbett Street onto Forest Way until 10am, how do I travel south?**
The best route is to travel northbound along Rabbett Street, turn left onto Adams Street, then turn left at the traffic lights onto Forest Way to travel southbound.
Naree Road will also form part of the one scheme together with Frenchs Forest Road West so motorists exiting Rabbett Street can turn left at Naree and then left again onto Forest Way. The Adams Street detour would service motorists heading north.

**Will there be any change to the traffic signalling for northbound traffic heading along Forest Way and turning right into Adams Street?**

There will be no change to the current turning arrangements at Forest Way and Adams Street. Roads and Maritime and the Transport Management Centre are monitoring conditions and will adjust signal phasing to manage traffic flow in the area. This phasing arrangement will be temporary until the upgrade of the intersection of Naree Road and Forest Way is complete, which will include a right turn bay and traffic lights.

There is an existing right turn arrow into Adams Street, however, this red arrow is present to protect pedestrians crossing Adams Street.

A right turn green arrow cannot be provided on Forest Way onto Adams Street as right turn arrows are only installed at traffic lights when there is room for a permanent dedicated right turn bay. In addition, a right turn green arrow phase would cause significant delays to other motorists and users of the intersection. However, to facilitate the movement of right turning traffic the following measures have been put in place:

- the traffic arrangement has been adjusted to provide a temporary dedicated right turn bay
- the stop line on Adams Street has been moved back to provide traffic turning right onto Forest Way with more space to turn out safely and with more efficiency. This is particularly helpful to buses and will improve their use of the intersection
- additional green time has been allocated to Forest Way to assist the traffic turning right into Adams Street.

**Why have you removed the right hand turn in and out of Naree Road from Forest Way?**

This traffic movement has been removed for safety reasons during construction, and to allow for the long term temporary lane closure along Forest Way between Warringah Road and Adams Street.

**Will I be able to turn left and right out of Patanga Road during the work on Frenchs Forest Road?**

Yes, vehicles can exit Patanga Road to turn left and right. Vehicles heading westbound along Frenchs Forest Road can turn right into Patanga Road.

**Why was the decision made to make the traffic travel in a westbound direction?**

A westbound one way arrangement is a much safer option for the 1000 students attending The Forest High School. An eastbound arrangement would force students to cross the road to access buses and cars.

A review of traffic conditions by Roads and Maritime and Transport for NSW has shown that maintaining the westbound direction has a number of advantages over eastbound in the performance of the surrounding road network. The westbound direction is also a heavier traffic movement.

Westbound bus travel is also the dominant public transport direction so this arrangement minimises the impact to local services.

**What impact will the one-way arrangement have on the traffic?**

We have carried out detailed investigations and consultation with the Transport Management Centre and Transport for NSW to assess the impact of the changed traffic arrangement on local traffic conditions as well as the wider network.
We expect some additional congestion and delays on Warringah Road eastbound, Forest Way southbound and Wakehurst Parkway southbound, particularly in peak period.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and encourage motorists to allow extra travel time.

**Has this work been approved?**

The project team has prepared extensive traffic management plans for the changes, in consultation with a number of stakeholders including Council, Transport for NSW, emergency services and transport providers. These plans have been approved by the Transport Management Centre, Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services.

**Why was the community not consulted with prior to the decision being made to move to a one way scheme?**

Temporarily converting Frenchs Forest Road to one way is an essential requirement to ensure the Stage One road upgrade are completed in time for the opening of the new Northern Beaches Hospital.

In developing the traffic management plan, Ferrovial York Joint Venture (FYJV) and Roads and Maritime Services consulted with major stakeholders including Northern Beaches Council, NSW Police Force, Fire & Rescue NSW, Transport for NSW, State Transit, Forest Coach Lines, NSW Taxi Council and more.

FYJV and Roads and Maritime have provided residents and the community with information on detours, local access and bus stop closures to help plan for the changes.
Contact us
We are committed to minimising the impact of construction and will continue to keep the community informed as the project progresses. For more information or to report any concerns, please contact our delivery partner, Ferrovial York Joint Venture.

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