

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS Picton Town Centre Transport Plan

Community engagement for the Picton Town Centre Transport Plan has now closed. We value the feedback we've received from the community - thank you! Here are the answers to some of your most frequently asked questions:

What is the Picton Town Centre Transport Plan?

The Wollondilly Local Government Area is set for significant population growth in the next 20-30 years, which is expected to increase traffic congestion in Picton. In anticipation of this, Council is developing a Picton Town Centre Transport Masterplan to improve traffic conditions in the town centre. This includes significant upgrades to Prince Street, refinement to traffic flow through Colden Street and Margaret Street, relocating the Argyle Street pedestrian crossing and general improvements around the town centre.

Will there still be a Picton Bypass?

The NSW Government has invested \$3million for planning and investigations into a Picton Bypass <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/illawarra/picton-bypass/index.html>. Activities carried out to date include traffic surveys, community consultation and preliminary environmental investigations. As construction on the Bypass is likely to be some years away, it's important for us to manage the traffic congestion in Picton in the meantime. The measures we are currently looking at will alleviate the traffic stress and will continue to serve our local roads even after the Picton Bypass has been completed, such as the traffic lights at the Menangle Street/Prince Street intersection.

What sort of community engagement has been done for the Picton Town Centre Transport Plan?

Council has worked on developing concepts that we were confident would meet RMS requirements (noting Menangle Street is not a Council road). Going through the full consultation process with individual land owners before now would have caused confusion. In April we had an informal session with residents as well as a drop in session, which was well attended. Public exhibition materials regarding the Picton Town Centre Transport Plan are available on the Council website, including the concept design drawings and supporting traffic study.

Have traffic lights at Prince Street already been approved?

In-principal approval for the Prince Street signals has been granted by RMS, as the approval authority and future owner of the lights. Detailed designs are yet to be developed. There is an opportunity for the design and scope to be adjusted to respond to residents' concerns.

Has a roundabout or the closure of Prince Street been considered instead of traffic lights?

Options such as a roundabout at Menangle Street or a complete closure of Prince Street have been considered and were found to be either impractical or likely to worsen congestion issues. Improved pedestrian connectivity was an important consideration in the plan.

Has heritage been considered?

The concepts being put forward to improve the safety conditions on Picton's roads take into consideration the town's heritage.

Want to know more?

If you would like further details or have any concerns about this project, please contact Council's Infrastructure Coordinator on 46771100. Further information can also be found online at: <https://www.yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/picton-transport-study>.

