

Tamworth Intermodal Rail Line

West Tamworth to Westdale

The NSW Government is carrying out planning, investigation and preparation works to reactivate 5km of non-operational rail line between West Tamworth and Westdale. The work is being carried out in partnership between Transport for NSW, Tamworth Regional Council and Department of Regional NSW. The project is funded by the Restart NSW Fund.

Why is work being completed?

Reactivation of the rail line will allow rail access to Tamworth Regional Council's planned Tamworth Regional Freight Terminal to be located near Goddards Lane.

Once complete the project, including the development of the Terminal, will:

- Encourage new industry opportunities
- Support and facilitate economic development, industry and employment opportunities
- support the shift in moving appropriate freight from road to rail.

Scope of work

The rail line component of the project includes:

- replacement of approximately 5km of railway track and ballast between West Tamworth and Westdale
- restoration/replacement of four culverts
- restoration/replacement of four bridge structures

- upgrading level crossings at Gunnedah Road, Evans Street and Dampier Street.

The early works include:

- installation of fencing and access gates along 5km of the existing rail corridor
- removal of redundant infrastructure such as existing rail and sleepers.
- procurement of rail and sleepers

The early works are being completed by John Holland Rail (JHR) on behalf of Transport for NSW.

When will work start?

Early work to establish the site has started with main construction expected to begin in late 2020. Construction works to enable train services to operate are currently scheduled to be completed in late 2021 with commissioning and signalling work due to finish in 2022, subject to final approvals and weather conditions.

Work will be carried out on site Monday to Friday from 7am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am to 1pm. Affected community and businesses will be notified if work needs to occur outside of this hours, including night work.

How will I be affected?

Construction will take place within the existing rail corridor. We understand our work may create noise and vibration at times. We aim to minimise this by:

- only using noisy machinery when we absolutely must
- doing noiser work at less sensitive times
- using barriers and sound blankets to reduce noise

- directing noise away from residents when we can
- limiting the use of highly intensive noise and vibration generating equipment to a three-hour continuous block, with a minimum one hour break in between.

Temporary traffic control, including traffic detours, will be in place during the reactivation of road crossings.

Access to private residences and businesses will be maintained. Any changes to access will be communicated to stakeholders, if required, and traffic and pedestrian controls will be put in place as required.

Work area map



Taking care of our environment

We take environmental issues seriously and measures will be put in place to minimise dust and erosion impacts during our construction activities.

This will include avoiding dust generating work on windy days, where possible, and using water carts for dust suppression.

We will also establish dedicated parking areas for our workforce to minimise impacts on the local environment and local roads.

Keeping you informed

As a nearby resident or business, we will keep you updated as the project progresses by providing monthly notifications in your letterbox or to your reception desk.

We will also provide specific notifications before any work outside of normal construction hours is carried out or in the unlikely event we need to carry out work that will impact access to your property.

Register your details

To help us get in touch with you, we invite you to register your preferred contact details with our Community Relations Team.

Head to

www.surveymonkey.com/r/TIRL

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Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more on the project please contact our Community Relations team:



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