The Australian and NSW governments have each committed funding to duplicate Tourle Street and Cormorant Road at Kooragang.

Roads and Maritime Services is upgrading Tourle Street and Cormorant Road at Kooragang to improve traffic flow and cater for a future increase in traffic. Development in Port Stephens, the expansion of Newcastle Airport and the growth of industrial development on Kooragang Island will contribute to increased traffic.

The upgrade includes duplicating 3.8 kilometres of road between Industrial Drive at Mayfield West and Egret Street at Kooragang to provide two lanes in each direction. A second two lane bridge is also being built on the western side of the existing Tourle Street bridge, as part of this project.

Construction started in May 2016 and the upgrade is expected to be completed by the end of 2018, weather permitting.

**Construction update**

The new bridge is taking shape. In the past six months we have:

- completed the installation of all four land-based concrete bridge beams and decks
- completed piling for all six river-based piers, and started construction of the concrete pier columns using a large crane and barge in the river.

On the road we have:

- completed the relocation of about 2.9 kilometres of major underground and above-ground water and sewer services
- completed construction of the new south-bound road pavement on the eastern side of Tourle Street, and on Cormorant Road between Egret Street and east of Long Pond
- shifted traffic onto the newly constructed pavement and started construction on the existing road.
Upcoming work

Work coming up over the next six months includes:

- Completion of the six river based concrete pier columns, ready for the installation of concrete beams
- Completion of foundation improvement work in areas of soft soil
- Minor traffic switches to allow resurfacing work to be carried out on existing roads at Tourle Street and Cormorant Road.

We will make every effort to minimise disruption to businesses along Tourle Street and Cormorant Road and will discuss any temporary changes to access arrangements in advance. We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience during this work.

Temporary traffic changes

Delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions. Please follow the direction of traffic controllers, follow traffic signs and stick to reduced speed limits. For the latest traffic information, visit www.livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic App.

Work hours

Most of the work will be carried out 7am to 6pm Mondays to Fridays and Saturdays from 8am to 1pm, weather permitting. We will continue to notify nearby businesses and residents of any work outside these hours in advance of work starting.

Further information

For more information about the upgrade or to be added to our mailing list, please contact the project team on 1800 471 488 or email community@ts-jv.com.au.

More information is also available at rms.nsw.gov.au