

Transport for NSW

Planning for a future Murray River crossing at Swan Hill

Community update



Aerial view of Swan Hill Bridge



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Transport for NSW, in collaboration with the Victorian Department of Transport, is planning for a future crossing over the Murray River at Swan Hill. You are invited to provide feedback about the preferred alignment following changes to the heritage status of the existing Swan Hill Bridge.

Early planning for a future bridge

Between 2007 and 2009, the Victorian Department of Transport (formerly VicRoads) led early planning studies into a future bridge crossing over the Murray River at Swan Hill. At the time, the state heritage-listed Swan Hill Bridge would be retained.

A number of potential bridge route options were investigated and, following extensive community consultation, the NSW and Victorian governments approved Option 9a as the preferred route for a future bridge.

Changes to the timber truss road bridges strategy

In 2019, the NSW Government's timber truss road bridges strategy was amended after considerable work to better understand the structural capabilities of the various timber bridge types and the strengthening methods available.

Changes to the strategy included removing Swan Hill Bridge from the list of bridges to be retained. Tooleybuc Bridge was added to the list of bridges to be retained.

More information about these changes can be found by viewing *Timber Truss Road Bridges - A Strategic Approach to Conservation* on the project website at nswroads.work/hysswanhill.

Reviewing the preferred option

Previously, the heritage status of the existing bridge was a constraint to considering building a future bridge on the existing alignment at McCallum Street.

As the bridge will be removed, it is now possible to investigate a McCallum Street Option. If community feedback strongly supports the McCallum Street Option we will seek endorsement from the NSW and Victorian governments before progressing to the next stage of planning.

We are seeking your feedback about the two options.

No new options, or those previously investigated and subsequently ruled out as being unviable or lacking local government or community support, will be considered.

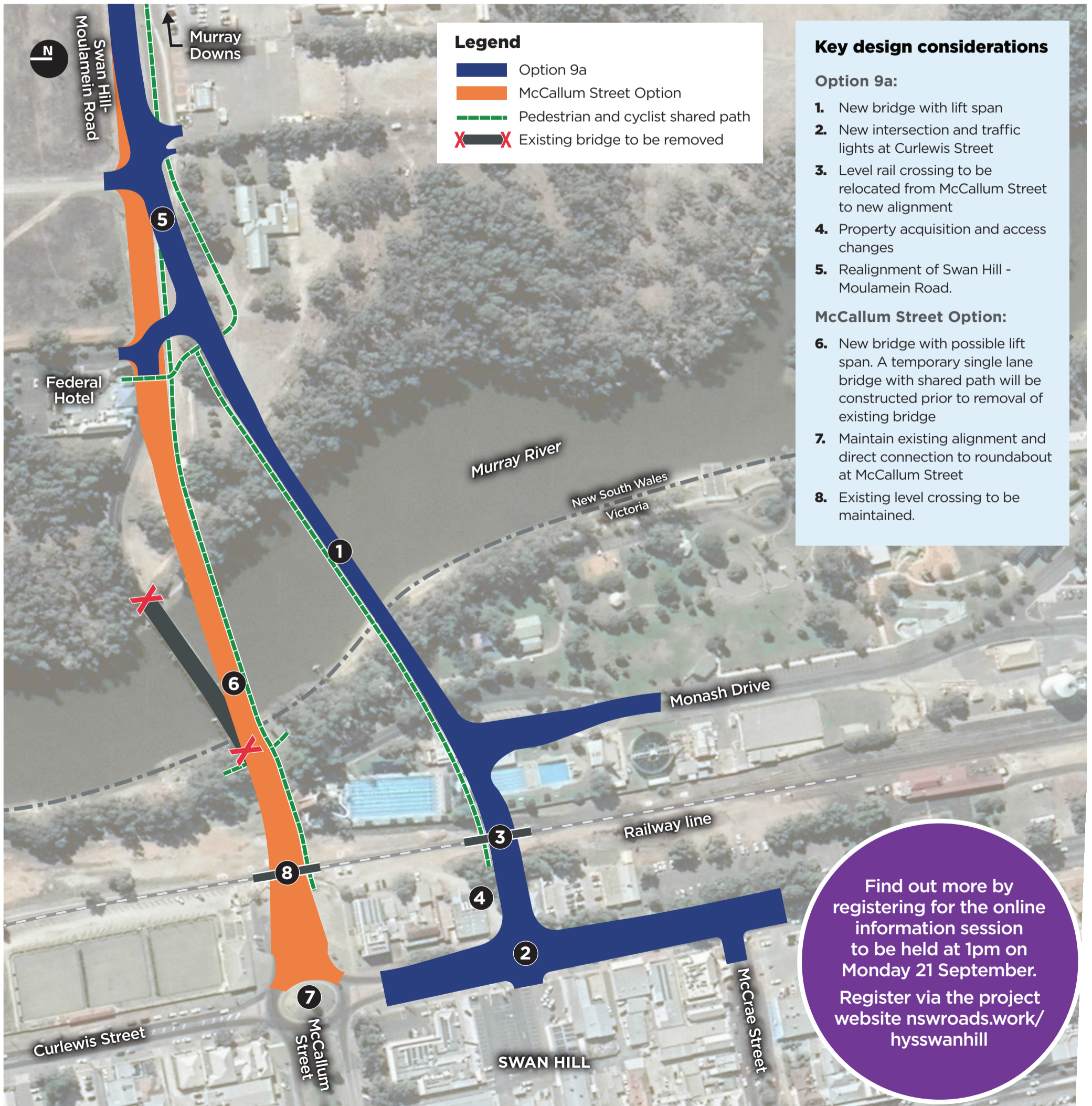
Recognising the history of Swan Hill Bridge

The existing bridge must be delisted from NSW and Victorian heritage registers before it can be removed.

As part of this process, we will consult with you about an appropriate way to recognise its history and importance in connecting the Swan Hill and Murray Downs communities.

We will let you know when we are starting this process so you can have your say.

McCallum Street Option and Option 9a concept design



Have your say

Your feedback will help to inform the preferred alignment for a future bridge at Swan Hill.

You can submit your feedback about Option 9a or McCallum Street Option:



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Comments and feedback will be accepted until **5pm on Friday 16 October 2020**.

What happens next?

We will consider your feedback on the preferred option and prepare a community feedback summary report.

If feedback strongly favours the McCallum Street Option over Option 9a, we will seek endorsement from the NSW and Victorian governments.

The NSW and Victorian governments have not committed funding for a future bridge at this stage. Transport for NSW will continue working closely with the Victorian Department of Transport to progress this important project.

Find out more

An information session will be held online on **Monday 21 September at 1pm**.

Register at nswroads.work/hysswanhill today!

Why is the information session being held online?

We are hosting an online information session due to current COVID-19 restrictions including border closures, and for the health and safety of the community and staff.

The event is an opportunity to learn more about the two options, ask questions and get real-time answers from the project team. A recording will be available for viewing on the project website after the event.

More information, including links to previous planning documents, the timber truss strategy and frequently asked questions, can also be found on the project website.

Contact us:

If you have any questions or would like more information about planning for a future bridge over the Murray River at Swan Hill please contact our project team:

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The existing Swan Hill Bridge



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