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## Project completed at Blaxland Road and First Avenue, Eastwood

Transport for NSW has completed this project to help ease congestion and improve travel times and safety for road users.



The newly upgraded Blaxland Road and First Avenue intersection upgrade in Eastwood.

Motorists and local residents in Eastwood and surrounding areas were experiencing heavy congestion in the morning and evening peak hours caused by traffic wanting to turn onto Blaxland Road and First Avenue.

Transport for NSW has completed upgrading this 'pinch point' intersection. Since opening to traffic in February 2020, this upgrade is delivering more reliable trips for all road users.

Thank you to the local community for your patience while we completed this intersection upgrade.

## What we did

Our work included:

- changing the line markings on Blaxland Road to create an extra right turn lane onto First Avenue
- widening the left turn slip lanes from Blaxland Road onto First Avenue and from First Avenue onto Blaxland Road
- widening First Avenue to extend the left turn lane on First Avenue onto Blaxland Road by 40 metres
- widening the median island to improve safety
- upgrading the footpaths and street lighting.

## **Community benefits**

The project is helping:

- ease traffic congestion and improve the consistency of travel times for road users along Blaxland Road and First Avenue, particularly during peak periods
- reduce travel times for local residents and commuters
- improves access to and from Epping and Eastwood town centres
- improve safety for all road users.

## What is a 'pinch point'?

A pinch point is a traffic congestion point, either at an intersection or on a short length of road, where a traffic bottleneck exists. They cause traffic build-up and travel delays at these spots and on the wider road network.

More than \$825 million has been committed to the pinch point program. Each project will ease congestion, reduce traffic delays and improve travel times on Sydney's major roads.

To see more on these completed upgrades and to learn of upcoming pinch points in Sydney's west, visit rms.nsw.gov.au/pinchpoints.



Dedicated left turn lane from Blaxland Road northbound onto First Avenue westbound, Eastwood



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