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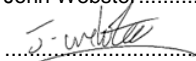
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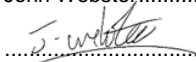
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## Executive summary

The Federal and NSW governments have committed to the completion of the upgrading of the Hume Highway to a four lane dual carriageway by 2012. Of the 101 kilometres in NSW yet to be upgraded, 81 kilometres are currently under construction and due for completion in 2009. This will leave only 20 kilometres of single carriageway highway remaining on the Hume Highway, comprising the sections at Tarcutta, Holbrook and Woomargama, where bypasses are being considered. This report looks in detail at the potential traffic impacts of the proposed Woomargama bypass.

In order to understand the impact of the proposed bypass, information has been gathered on traffic flows using vehicle counts, travel pattern and time information using origin/destination; and turning count surveys. Traffic growth rates have been applied to estimate the increase in travel by the time of opening (2011) and 10 and 20 years after opening.

The traffic counts indicate that the highest volume of light vehicles occurs during business hours and in the early evening throughout the week. The weekday volume of heavy vehicles builds steadily throughout the day from a low at 4 am until the peak is reached between 11 pm and midnight. Fewer heavy vehicles travel on weekends.

### Traffic impacts

The completion of the proposed bypass would reduce travel times along the highway from Albury to the junction with the Sturt Highway by approximately one and a half minutes, which would improve the efficiency of freight movements. In addition, the proposed bypass would provide additional overtaking opportunities.

The highway performs satisfactorily at present except for the busiest times of the year, such as long weekends and school holidays. If the bypass was not built, traffic volumes would approach the theoretical capacity of the road, resulting in unacceptable levels in the future. The construction of the proposed bypass would create additional capacity for the busiest times of the year.

The diversion from the existing highway through town to the proposed bypass has been calculated using the results of the turn count surveys. Due to the small size of Woomargama village, only a small proportion of traffic is expected to stay on the existing highway. The proportion of vehicles estimated to divert onto the new bypass is shown in the table below.

Time period	Northbound		Southbound	
	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles
6 am to 6 pm	87 per cent	96 per cent	89 per cent	96 per cent
6 pm to 6 am	95 per cent	98 per cent	95 per cent	98 per cent

Local access would be maintained to all properties.

## **Crash potential**

The current crash rate on the Hume Highway at Woomargama is less than the typical crash rate for dual carriageway sections of the Hume Highway. The five year crash history for the section of highway to be upgraded shows two head-on crashes.

The proposed dual carriageway highway has the potential to reduce the occurrence and severity of crashes because it would create separation between the opposing traffic flows. The provision of two lanes in each direction would create safer overtaking opportunities. The removal of through traffic from the village will create larger gaps in traffic, allowing easier and safer turns at intersections and improved safety for pedestrians.

Applying the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority's percentage reductions for the construction of a dual carriageway road to the crash types recorded on the highway at Woomargama, it is anticipated that the bypass would have a crash rate 34 per cent lower than the existing highway. Projecting this reduction over a 20 year timeframe from the time of opening, the construction of the bypass is forecast to result in four less injury crashes and 24 less tow-away crashes compared with not building the project.

## **Construction impacts**

Construction of the bypass is expected to take two years. Construction activity is proposed to occur between 6 am and 7 pm Monday to Friday, and between 7 am and 4 pm Saturday. However, some construction activity affecting traffic would occur outside of these hours.

Most of the construction activity would be contained within the site boundary and would not affect traffic or access. The areas of construction at the northern and southern tie-ins would affect traffic. Construction would be staged to minimise disruption.

A construction traffic management plan would be prepared, which would detail how the traffic impacts associated with the construction of the bypass would be managed. The plan would include traffic control plans documenting the proposed changes to traffic conditions and access. Some reductions in road speed limits may be required to protect the safety of construction personnel and the travelling public.

Access to the northern and southern site compounds and batching plants would be via the temporary accesses from the highway. Access to the work areas from the highway would be controlled. Temporary internal haul roads including creek crossings would be built.

Construction works along the highway on the northern and southern tie-ins should take into consideration the need for school bus stops, pedestrians and bicycles.

The construction activities would result in an increase in traffic volumes on the Hume Highway and in Woomargama. Additional traffic would be associated with the transport of construction materials, the delivery of plant and equipment, staff movement and construction activities outside the site boundary. This would increase volumes on the highway by 11 per cent of light vehicles and 24 per cent of heavy vehicles.

# 1. Introduction

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is preparing to submit an application for project approval under Part 3A (Section 75E) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act). The project includes the upgrading of the Hume Highway at Woomargama to four-lane dual carriageway as well as a bypass of the village of Woomargama. Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) is preparing the environmental assessment of which this Traffic Working Paper is an appendix and documents an assessment of the traffic implications of the project.

## 1.1 Background

The Hume Highway is the main road freight route between Sydney and Melbourne, carrying over 20 million tonnes of road freight every year. It carries interstate and intrastate traffic as well as local traffic in towns.

The Federal and NSW state governments have committed to the completion of the upgrading of the Hume Highway to a four lane dual carriageway by 2012. In accordance with the *AusLink (National Land Transport) Act 2005*, the Australian Federal Government has allocated \$800 million for the project.

The Hume Highway is 807 kilometres in length from Sydney to Melbourne, with 517 kilometres in NSW and 290 kilometres in Victoria. All of the Hume Highway in Victoria is dual carriageway, while in NSW 80 per cent is dual carriageway.

Of the remaining 101 kilometres of single carriageway, the RTA is currently managing the duplication of 81 kilometres of the Hume Highway in southern NSW, due for completion by the end of 2009. This will leave only 20 kilometres of highway as single carriageway remaining on the Hume Highway, comprising the sections through Tarcutta, Holbrook and Woomargama, where bypasses are being considered. These three bypasses are the subject of current design development, planning, community consultation and environmental assessment.

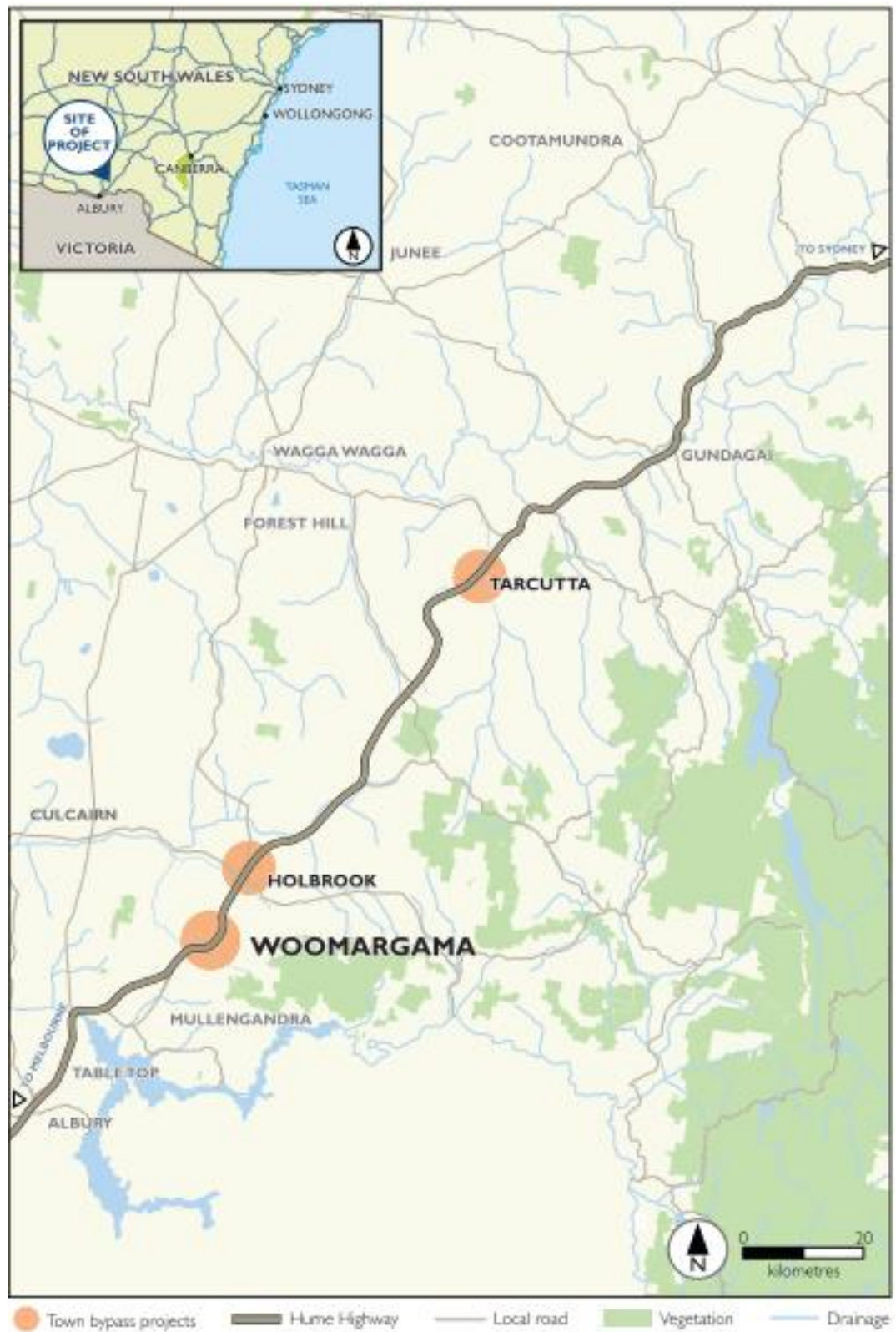
## 1.2 Study area

Woomargama is located on the Hume Highway in south-western NSW approximately half-way between Sydney and Melbourne. It is approximately 14 kilometres (around nine minutes drive) away from Holbrook — the nearest town of significant size.

The two biggest regional cities are Wagga Wagga and Albury. Wagga Wagga is located on the Sturt Highway to the north of the study area, approximately 94 kilometres from Woomargama. Albury is located on the Hume Highway 50 km to the south of the study area.

A map showing the position of the town and surrounding area is shown in Figure 1-1.





**Figure 1-1 Study area showing current upgrade projects**

Woomargama village has a population of 251 (ABS 2006). The village has a hotel/motel and service station/general store. The properties on the outskirts of the town and in the surrounding area are used for agriculture. The speed limit through town is 70 kilometres per hour. Tunnel Road connects Woomargama to River Road in the south-east (on the northern bank of the Murray River). Annandale Road connects Woomargama to MR 331 Jingellic Road to the north-east. Fairbairn Road connects to Mountain Creek in the west. A map of the town is shown in Figure 1-2.



**Figure 1-2 Woomargama town layout**

## 1.3 Report contents

This report assesses the traffic and transport impacts of the proposed bypass, and is structured as follows:

- Section 2 provides information on the study methodology, data used for the traffic assessment and summarises the existing travel information. The information assessed includes traffic volumes, proportions of through traffic, mid-block level of service (LoS) and crash history.
- Section 3 provides information on the project, including its objectives and the details of the proposed bypass.
- Section 4 provides an assessment of future changes in travel with the bypass. It also includes a description of the construction impacts.
- Section 5 summarises the outcomes of the assessment.



## 2. Existing conditions

### 2.1 Study methodology

This section provides information on the data used for the traffic assessment and the methods of calculation used to provide the results in a consistent format. It describes the sources of the data, the data details and the limitations of the data used.

The study has collected data to answer the following key questions:

- How much traffic uses the Hume Highway and other key roads?
- What is the composition of this traffic in terms of light and heavy vehicles?
- Where is the traffic going to (i.e. does it travel all the way through town, does it turn onto another road or does it have business in the village)?
- How much traffic would divert to the new bypass?
- What impact would the bypass have on the crash record?

The assessment has used existing data and data gathered for this study. Surveys undertaken for this study have been targeted to answer specific questions.

This data has been used to:

- Forecast future traffic volumes by applying growth rates to existing traffic volumes.
- Estimate the proportion of traffic that has the potential to divert onto the proposed bypass.
- Determine the performance of the road network in the future.
- Estimate the impact of the bypass on the number and severity of crashes.

### 2.2 Traffic volume data

Data from the RTA have been used to establish patterns and trends of traffic on the highway (Appendix A). Site 95.002 on the Hume Highway, north of Holbrook, is the closest count site with sufficient data for this assessment. Additional traffic volume counts have been collected to provide up-to date traffic volume data in Woomargama. The additional traffic counts were taken for a period of five days and were annualised using the RTA data to be representative of traffic volumes for the whole year. These counts have also been used to estimate the future volumes with and without the bypass.

#### 2.2.1 RTA permanent and sample data

The RTA undertakes regular traffic surveys around the state road network to monitor traffic conditions. The surveys include:

- Sample counts — counts for a short duration (for example one or two weeks).
- Permanent counts — continuously counting at selected locations.

Permanent count locations are also called 'pattern' counts as the seasonal, weekly and hourly patterns of traffic are assumed to be representative of the traffic network around them. These patterns can be assumed to apply for nearby sample locations provided the roads perform a similar function.

Some vehicle counts are taken using equipment that counts the number of axles passing. This is then divided by two to obtain an 'axle pair' count. This type of count does not take into consideration trucks and trailers with more than two axles per vehicle.

Other vehicle counts count the axle spacing, speed and time between axles, which allows vehicles to be classified into a set of pre-determined categories, including light vehicles, light vehicles with trailers, small trucks and buses, large rigid trucks and buses, semi-trailers and B-Doubles.

The following traffic volume counts were available from the RTA for the 2006 calendar year:

- Permanent count (axle pairs — both directions combined) on the Hume Highway, Holbrook, 1.9 kilometres north of MR331 Young Street (north of the Wagga Wagga to Holbrook Road) (station number 95.002).
- Permanent count (classified vehicles — separated into northbound and southbound) at the same location as the axle pair count above.

Data from the classified vehicle count on the Hume Highway was not complete due to occasional failure of the counting equipment. Data was available from this counting station for the following periods:

- Northbound — 16 months from 7 February 2006 to 3 May 2007 (missing 19 weeks).
- Southbound — 13 months from 7 February 2006 to 16 February 2007 (missing one week).

The gaps in this data have been filled by factoring the available daily data by the patterns from the permanent count at the same location to obtain annual average daily traffic (AADT) classified into vehicles. The adjusted RTA classified vehicle counts for 2006 are included in Appendix A.

### 2.2.2 Seasonal variation

The adjusted classified vehicle count on the Hume Highway north of Holbrook was analysed to determine whether there is a seasonal pattern to light and heavy vehicles. This showed:

- The volume of light vehicles increases during the school holidays.
- The volume of heavy vehicles remains more constant.
- Traffic volumes on the Easter and New Years Day public holiday, the June and October long weekends and at the start and finish of the summer school holidays are higher than daily average volumes.

The analysis showed that AADT volumes are a reasonable approximation of the typical conditions on the highway.

The spike in volumes during holidays increases congestion on these days. This impact is assessed by ranking the recorded hourly volumes throughout the year from highest to lowest. A design hourly volume is selected that caters for the needs of traffic for the majority of the



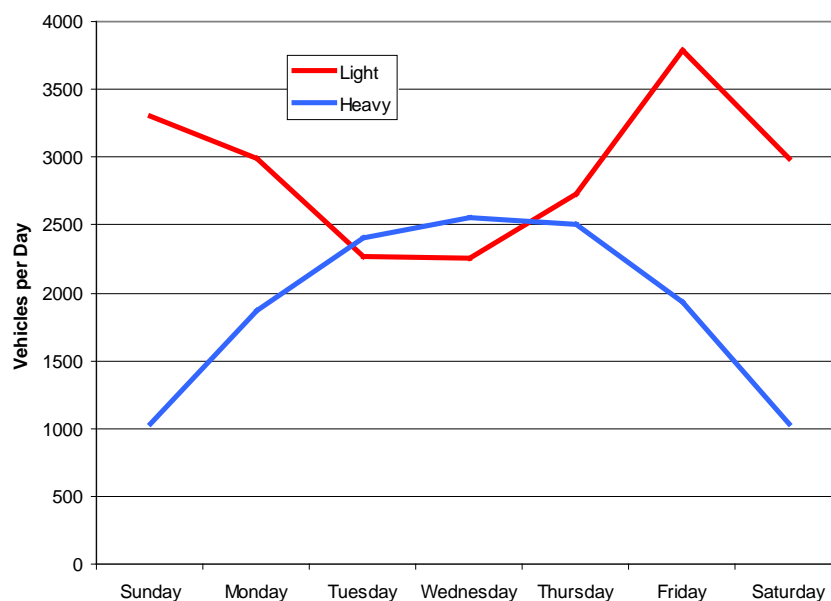
time. Designing for the highest recorded volume would be an over-commitment of public funds as for the rest of the year the additional capacity will not be needed.

Other studies on the Hume Highway (Booz Allen Hamilton *Hume Highway Demand Modelling*, June 2004) have assessed the design hourly volume based on the 50<sup>th</sup> highest ( $H_{50}$ ) hourly traffic volumes. The traffic counts at the RTA permanent traffic counting site on the Hume Highway north of Holbrook (Site 95.002) indicates that  $H_{50}$  represents approximately 15 per cent of the AADT, which is a suitable level for assessment according to accepted traffic engineering practice (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials *A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets*, 2004).

### 2.2.3 Temporal variation

The following observations have been made from the adjusted RTA classified vehicle count on the Hume Highway north of Holbrook. The traffic patterns it shows are similar to those in Woomargama:

- Weekday heavy vehicle volumes are 175 per cent higher than weekend volumes.
- Weekend light vehicle volumes are 12 per cent higher than weekdays.
- Light vehicles show a typical non-metropolitan pattern of a peak around midday and higher volumes during business hours and early evening.
- Heavy vehicles are highest during the middle of the night — volumes drop from a peak at midnight to a low at around 4 am before building back up steadily throughout the day.
- In terms of how traffic changes throughout the week, light and heavy vehicles show opposite trends. Light vehicles are highest on the weekends, Monday and Friday, whereas heavy vehicles are highest on Tuesday to Thursday. The pattern of travel throughout the week is shown in Figure 2-1.



Source: 2006 RTA classified count data at Holbrook 1.9 kilometres north of MR331 Young Street (north of the Wagga Wagga to Holbrook Road).

**Figure 2-1 Change in daily light and heavy vehicle volumes throughout the week**

Woomargama experiences the impact of both the midday car peak and night-time heavy vehicle peak.

## 2.2.4 Additional traffic volume counts

To obtain up-to-date hourly traffic data for Woomargama, additional traffic volume information was gathered. The data from this count was annualised using data from the classified vehicle survey on the Hume Highway north of Holbrook. The details of the additional counts undertaken are as follows:

- Classified tube counts commissioned by Wilkinson Murray Pty Ltd noise consultants.
- Taken from Saturday 31 May to Friday 13 June 2008.
- Located on the Hume Highway in the centre of town and at Annandale Road (see Figure 2-2).
- Northbound and southbound lanes.

The survey period included the June long weekend. Monday 9 June was a public holiday. The RTA axle pair count on the Hume Highway north of Holbrook experienced a 10 per cent higher traffic flow on this day compared to a typical Friday. The data from Friday 6 June to Monday 9 June have been excluded from the analysis.



**Figure 2-2 Woomargama additional vehicle count locations**

## 2.3 Existing traffic volume

Indicative annual average traffic volumes for 2008 have been obtained by annualising the surveyed volumes at the two count locations north of Woomargama village at Annandale Road and in Woomargama village itself (described in Section 2.2.4) using the traffic data from the permanent count site on the Hume Highway north of Holbrook.

**Table 2-1 AADT north of Woomargama (at Annandale Road)**

	Northbound			Southbound		
	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles	Total vehicles	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles	Total vehicles
Weekday (AAWT)	1,656	1,363	3,019	1,567	1,343	2,910
Weekend (AAWE)	1,969	820	2,790	1,787	752	2,538
Weekly (AADT)	1,745	1,208	2,953	1,630	1,174	2,804

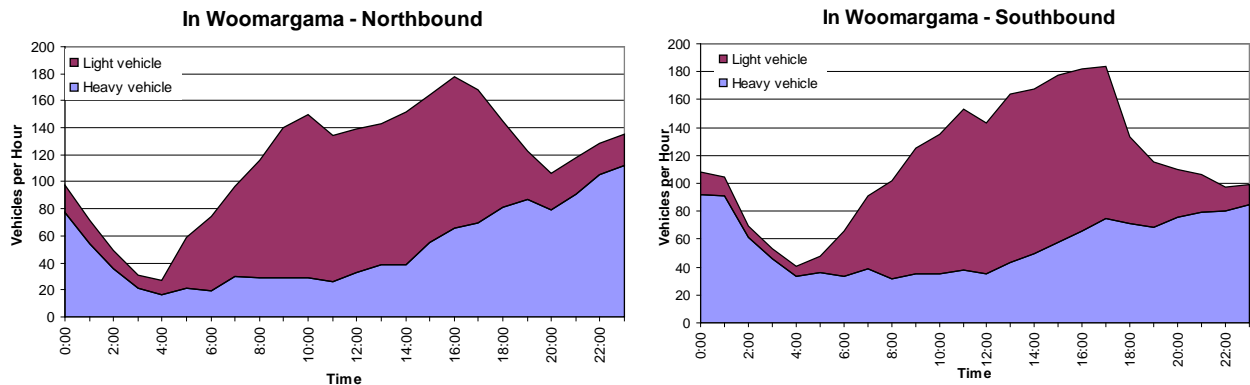
Note: AAWT = average annual weekday traffic, AAWE = average annual weekend traffic

**Table 2-2 AADT in Woomargama village**

	Northbound			Southbound		
	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles	Total vehicles	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles	Total vehicles
Weekday (AAWT)	1,498	1,248	2,747	1,421	1,354	2,775
Weekend (AAWE)	1,820	752	2,573	1,734	741	2,474
Weekly (AADT)	1,590	1,107	2,697	1,510	1,179	2,689

Traffic volumes at sites north of the village and inside the village show similar patterns; the site north of the village has higher volumes. The difference between the two count locations could be due to the north of Woomargama location including traffic from Berry Street/Tunnel Road at the northern end of Woomargama. This traffic would continue to use the existing highway in the future regardless of the creation of the bypass. In terms of traffic that might potentially divert onto the bypass, the lower volume is likely to be more representative and hence will be used for further analysis.

The change in traffic volumes throughout the day is shown in Figure 2-3. Northbound and southbound volumes have similar patterns. Both show that the bulk of light vehicle traffic occurs during the middle of the day, while truck traffic builds steadily from a low at 4 am to a peak at midnight.



**Figure 2-3 Weekday hourly traffic volume on Hume Highway in Woomargama**

The peak traffic time for all vehicles was found to be between 4 pm and 5 pm on weekdays and weekends. The peak truck volume occurred between 11 pm and midnight. In general, the reason for this peak time is that trucks passing Woomargama at this time have left Melbourne or Sydney after the evening peak and will arrive at their destination before the start of the morning peak and can deliver their goods ready for the working day.

**Table 2-3 Peak hour traffic volumes south of Woomargama**

	Northbound			Southbound		
	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles	Total vehicles	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles	Total vehicles
Weekday midday peak	112	66	178	116	65	182
Weekday night-time truck peak	23	112	136	14	85	99
Weekend	158	36	194	164	34	198
Weekly	120	63	183	130	57	186

Refer to Appendix B for detailed information on traffic volumes at both sites.

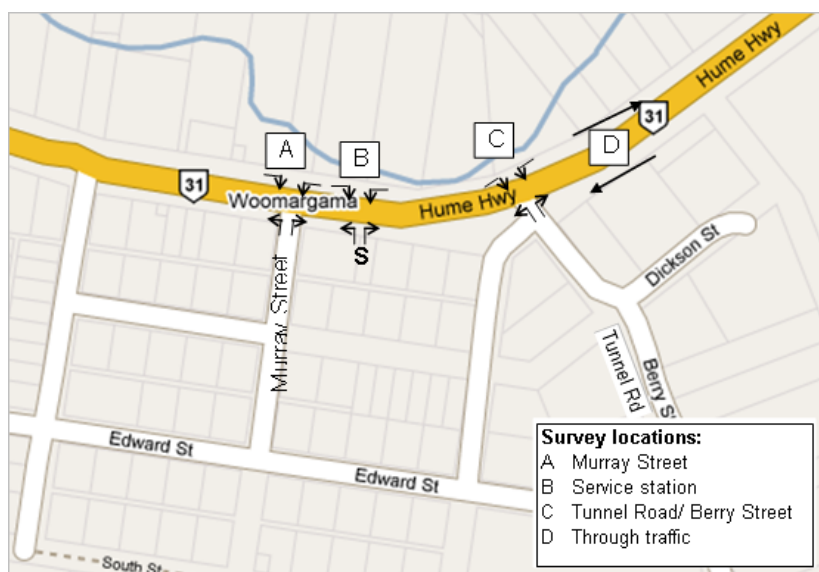
## 2.4 Travel pattern data

Turn count surveys were undertaken to obtain data on the following:

- How much traffic stops in the village?
- How much traffic turns onto local or regional roads?
- How much traffic travels straight through the village without stopping?

This information was used to estimate the proportion of traffic that could potentially use the bypass in the future.

The small size of Woomargama allowed data to be gathered through observation of turning movements to and from the Hume Highway. A six hour observation of turning vehicles was made from 12 pm to 6 pm on Tuesday 1 April 2008 at the location shown in Figure 2-4.



**Figure 2-4 Survey locations Woomargama**

The proportion of vehicles turning off the highway has been used as an estimate of the traffic that stops in Woomargama. The survey did not include the vehicles that turned off the highway onto other streets, or traffic that stopped at properties along the highway. To make an allowance for vehicles stopping in Woomargama not included in the survey, the proportion of stopping traffic has been factored up by 20 per cent to represent the proportion of properties not included. The results are shown in Table 2-4.

**Table 2-4 Proportion of turning movements off the highway**

Traffic movement	Northbound			Southbound		
	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles	Total vehicles	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles	Total vehicles
Total traffic on the highway	586	324	910	730	295	1,025
Sum of turning movements at all three intersections *	85	14	99	92	12	104
Proportion of traffic turning off the Highway	15 per cent	4 per cent	11 per cent	13 per cent	4 per cent	10 per cent

Source: Intersection survey April 2008

\* Note: turning volumes factored up

Of the turning volume recorded, approximately half occurred at the service station in Woomargama.

## 2.5 Road network performance

The amount of congestion is related to the volume of traffic, the characteristics of the road and the composition of the traffic stream. The mid-block LoS is a qualitative measure used to describe the potential for delay during traffic operation, usually in peak demand situations. Mid-block LoS is designated by assigning the letters A-F, with LoS A representing the best and F the worst. LoS ratings of E and F are commonly considered unacceptable. The LoS are described in Austroads *Guide to Traffic Engineering Practice Part 2 Roadway Capacity*, 1988 as follows:



- LoS A is a condition of free flow in which individual drivers are virtually unaffected by the presence of others in the traffic stream. Freedom to select desired speeds and to manoeuvre within the traffic stream is extremely high, and the general level of comfort and convenience provided is excellent.
- LoS B is in the zone of stable flow and drivers still have reasonable freedom to select their desired speed and to manoeuvre within the traffic stream, although the general level of comfort and convenience is a little less than with LoS A.
- LoS C is also in the zone of stable flow, but most drivers are restricted to some extent in their freedom to select their desired speed and to manoeuvre within the traffic stream. The general level of comfort and convenience declines noticeably at this level.
- LoS D is close to the limit of stable flow and is approaching unstable flow. All drivers are severely restricted in their freedom to select their desired speed and to manoeuvre within the traffic stream. The general level of comfort and convenience is poor, and small increases in traffic flow will generally cause operational problems.
- LoS E occurs when traffic volumes are at or close to capacity, and there is virtually no freedom to select desired speeds or to manoeuvre within the traffic stream. Flow is unstable and minor disturbances within the traffic stream will cause break-down.
- LoS F is in the zone of forced flow. With it, the amount of traffic approaching the point under consideration exceeds that which can pass it. Flow break-down occurs, and queuing and delays result.

This Austroads Guide has been used to estimate the volume to road capacity ratio, which is used to classify the LoS. The following characteristics have been assumed for these calculations:

- Woomargama has been assessed with level terrain due to the conditions in the village. The area north of the village has hills with climbing grades. However, at this location, over-taking lanes are provided, negating the reduction in capacity due to the high proportion of trucks.
- Approximately equal volumes of traffic in each direction.
- 3.3 metre wide lanes with wide shoulders.
- 20 per cent with sight distance less than 450 metres.
- 36 per cent trucks for weekday peak, 84 per cent trucks during the night-time truck peak and 43 per cent trucks during the highest hourly volumes.

The results of the LoS assessment on the highway at peak times are shown in Table 2-5.

**Table 2-5 Road LoS at peak times**

Annual highest hourly volumes	Northbound	Southbound	Volume/capacity ratio	LoS
50 <sup>th</sup> highest hourly volume (H <sub>50</sub> )	342	437	0.45	D
Weekday peak hour	178	182	0.20	B
Weekday night-time truck peak	136	99	0.18	B

Traffic conditions on the highway through Woomargama are acceptable. Conditions are worse during the night due to the high volume of truck traffic, but are still acceptable.

## 2.6 Crash history

Crash records were provided by the RTA for the two 5-year periods from 1997 to 2002 and from 2002 to 2006. The crash history from 2002 to 2006 indicates that eight crashes were recorded on the stretch of highway through Woomargama between points where the proposed bypass is expected to connect to the highway. The crash statistics indicate the following:

- Three of the crashes occurred at or near the bend at the northern entry into the village, the other five were spread along the remaining length of highway.
- Driver fatigue contributed to half of the crashes, speeding contributed to two.
- One crash involved an injury.
- All occurred during dry road conditions.
- Three involved heavy vehicles.
- Three of the eight occurred on public holidays.
- Two were head-on crashes, the rest were a mixture of off-road and intersection.
- Over the previous five year period from 1997 to 2002 twelve crashes were reported, six of which involved injury and one was fatal.
- The crash rate was 12.75 crashes per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled (MVKT<sup>1</sup>).
- Crash rates on the undivided sections elsewhere on the Hume Highway in this region were approximately 15 per cent higher on undivided sections than on divided sections. The severity of crashes on undivided sections of the Hume Highway are, however, approximately 85 per cent higher than on the divided sections.

These records and the estimated traffic volume were used to calculate an average crash rate per 100 MVKT. These were compared to average rates for the NSW road network from the *Road Environment Study Update 22 - Rural Road Crash Rates by Road Stereotype* (RTA, 2004).

Table 2-6 shows that the crash rate on the highway at Woomargama is lower than the divided carriageway sections of the Hume Highway between Sturt Highway and Olympic Highway and the typical crash rates for two lane rural main roads. It is noted, however, that this crash rate is calculated from a relatively low number of total crashes.

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<sup>1</sup> Vehicle Kilometres Travelled (VKT) a measure of exposure to a crash event. One VKT is equivalent to one vehicle travelling a distance of one kilometre or alternatively, two vehicles travelling for a distance of half a kilometre. The reported crash rate was per 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled.

**Table 2-6 Crash rate comparison 2002 - 2006**

Location	Rate per 100 MVKT			
	Fatal	Injury	Tow-away	Total
Single carriageway section, Woomargama	0.0	1.6	11.2	12.7
Divided carriageway sections, Sturt Highway to Olympic Highway	1.1	7.9	15.6	24.6
Typical 2-lane rural main roads	1.4	14.2	17.2	32.8

Source: RTA (2008)

Note: 1. Crash data between October 1997 and September 2002 from Hume Highway Strategic Planning Study Final Report

### 3. Woomargama upgrade project

The bypass of Woomargama, as well as those of Tarcutta and Holbrook, represents the final stages of the upgrading of the Hume Highway to dual carriageway between Melbourne and Sydney. This chapter provides information on the proposed project including its objectives and details of the proposed bypass.

#### 3.1 Project objectives

The creation of a bypass at Woomargama would potentially have travel benefits for both the local community and interstate traffic, including:

- Increased infrastructure handling capacity and efficiency.
- Improved safety and security.
- Improved transport productivity on its nationally strategic and export-oriented freight corridors.
- Improved reliability of travel on interstate and inter-regional corridors.
- Consistency with viable and long-term economic and social outcomes, and with the obligation to current and future generations to sustain the environment.

#### 3.2 Proposed design

The project would include the following key components:

- Approximately nine kilometres of dual carriageway.
- An at-grade intersection with the existing Hume Highway approximately 6.5 kilometres north of Woomargama village.
- Bridges over Sandy Creek.
- Six deep cuttings.
- Twin bridges over Mountain Creek.
- An at-grade intersection with the existing Hume Highway approximately two kilometres south of Woomargama village.
- An upgrade to the at-grade intersection at Fairbairn Road.

The project would be undulating and form an elongated curved alignment. It would lie to the west of Woomargama village at a maximum distance of approximately three kilometres from the existing Hume Highway.

At its northern extent, the project would tie-in to the existing Hume Highway. The project would continue south and gradually veer away, in a slight westerly direction, from the existing highway. At approximately 500 metres from the start of the project a new at-grade intersection would be constructed. This intersection would tie-in the project with the existing highway about 6.5 kilometres north of Woomargama village and would provide access to Woomargama village from the north.

The project would include bridges over Sandy Creek. The project would continue in a westerly direction gradually ascending and traversing through the saddles of Mount McKenzie and would require three deep cuts on the ascent.

The project would then gradually descend in a southerly direction and pass through two further cuts. Still descending the project would travel adjacent to a drainage line.

Twin bridges would be constructed to enable the crossing of Mountain Creek and its floodplain. The project would continue travelling in a south-westerly direction.

A new at-grade intersection would be constructed approximately 900 metres south of Mountain Creek. This intersection would tie-in with the existing Hume Highway approximately two kilometres south of Woomargama village. This would provide access to the village from the south.

A final deep cut would then be required for the project. The project would include an upgrade of the intersection at Fairbairn Road. It would then tie-in to the new section of Hume Highway dual carriageway scheduled to be completed in December 2009.



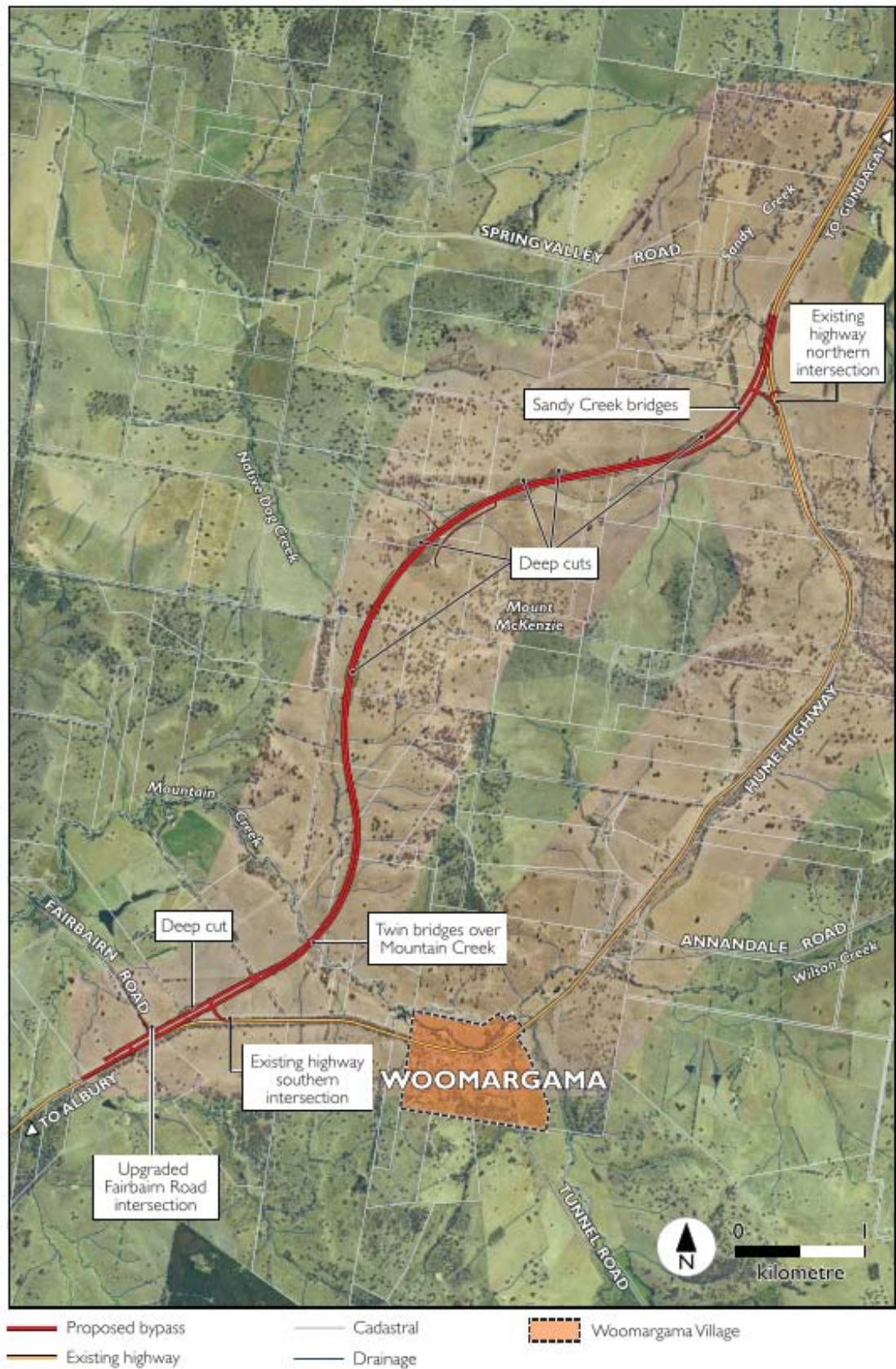


Figure 3-1 Proposed Woomargama bypass



## 4. Traffic impact

This chapter includes the assessment of traffic volumes, proportions of through traffic, travel times, mid-block LoS and crashes. It also includes a description of the construction impacts.

### 4.1 Traffic forecasts

#### 4.1.1 Historic trends

RTA AADT traffic volume data was obtained for various years from 1982 to 2006 to determine the historic trend of traffic on the Hume Highway. Two locations were used in the analysis.

- South of SH14 Sturt Highway (station number 95.029).
- North of Holbrook approximately 1.9 kilometres north of MR331 Young Street (north of Wagga Wagga to Holbrook Road) (station number 95.002).

The data between 1982 and 1997 showed a growth rate of between 4 and 6 per cent per annum. The more recent growth between 1997 and 2006 showed a linear growth in traffic for the two sites.

- South of SH14 Sturt Highway 2.1 per cent growth per annum.
- North of Holbrook 3.4 per cent growth per annum.

#### 4.1.2 Forecasts

Forecasts of growth in traffic on the Hume Highway are available from several sources including:

1. Future volumes on the Hume Highway, south of the Sturt Highway were forecast in the *Hume Highway Strategic Planning Study Final Report* (Connell Wagner, June 2004). The maximum growth rate forecast between 2006 and 2021 was 2.8 per cent per annum (linear).
2. The Hume Highway Demand Modelling report (Booz Allen Hamilton, June 2004) assessed the potential growth in road and rail freight between the Sturt Highway/Hume Highway interchange and Albury. This report assumed a 3.4 per cent per annum average annual growth rate for non-bulk freight between Sydney and Melbourne, split between road and rail. It forecast a growth in total traffic on the Hume Highway of between 2.4 per cent and 2.8 per cent per annum from 2006 to 2021 depending on the policy option for stimulating rail versus road freight.
3. The Bureau of Transport and Regional Economics' *Working Paper 66* (2006) projected an average annual growth in traffic on the Gundagai to Holbrook section of the highway between the years of 1999 and 2025 of 1.47 per cent, with lower growth for light vehicles than heavy vehicles.

All three studies were produced before 2008, when the price of petrol rose sharply, only to drop again. Increasing fuel prices could reduce the amount of light vehicle traffic and push more freight traffic from road to rail. The studies above also do not take into consideration the recent global economic downturn, which could reduce the growth in total freight between Melbourne and Sydney. If gross domestic product reduces, the need for truck transport will also reduce.

This study will look at long-term growth (i.e. greater than 10 years from the present). It is considered that by this time the effects of the global economic downturn will have dissipated, and that a move to more fuel efficient vehicles will allow people to continue travelling by vehicles rather than switching modes or stopping travelling altogether. The growth rate of 2.8 per cent per annum is recommended for the estimation of future traffic volumes. Changes in these assumptions may change the future traffic volume forecasts.

The study has looked at three design years. As the upgrading of the Hume Highway is due for completion in 2011, traffic forecasts have been made for this year. The future years of 2021 and 2031 were chosen to assess the impacts 10 and 20 years from the date of opening.

## **4.2 Future travel changes**

It is proposed that the upgrade of the Hume Highway at Woomargama include a bypass on the western side of Mount McKenzie, with access at either end of the project back onto the current alignment. The bypass would change travel patterns by moving a large proportion of the traffic travelling on the highway through the village onto the proposed bypass.

### **4.2.1 Travel times**

Travel times have been used to confirm that through traffic will use the bypass. For the purposes of this comparison, the travel time on the existing highway will be used for the future travel time on the highway if no upgrade is carried out.

Including the 860 metres (70 kilometres per hour) section through the town, the total travel time from the northern to the southern end of the project is estimated to be six minutes 31 seconds. This assumes that vehicles will be travelling at the signposted speed limit along the 10.1 kilometre length.

The travel time on the bypass has been estimated at four minutes 55 seconds based on the posted speed limit of 110 kilometres per hour and the length of 9.0 kilometres. It is, therefore, considered that through traffic will use the bypass due to the one minute 36 second travel time saving.

#### **4.2.2 Local access**

The proposed bypass maintains local access with only small impacts to the accesses of some properties. Some access roads would be reconstructed with slightly different configurations including:

- Full access to Sanananda property (south of Fairbairn Road) with median crossover.
- Full access to Dunraven property (north of Fairbairn Road) with median crossover.
- Left-in left-out access to Dunraven property (2 kilometres north of Mountain Creek).
- Full access to Mt Raven property (3.5 kilometres north of Mountain Creek – near Mount McKenzie) with median crossover.
- Left-in left-out access to Mount McKenzie for communications tower on southbound carriageway.
- Left-in left out access to Mt Raven property (0.9 kilometres south west of Sandy Creek).
- Full access to Spring Valley property (at northern tie-in) with median crossover.

#### **4.2.3 Travel patterns**

The bypass would provide a shorter travel time than travelling through the village, therefore it has been assumed that through traffic would divert onto the bypass. In addition, given the small size of Woomargama, some of the through traffic that currently stops may consider switching to the bypass and stopping at a different location such as Holbrook, Tarcutta and Albury.

The survey undertaken did not include the amount of time vehicles stayed in the village. However half of the vehicles that did turn off the highway accessed the service station.

It is considered that the trucks that stopped or turned off the highway are more likely to have business in town than light vehicles. It has, therefore, been assumed that none of the trucks that did stop would bypass the village in the future. For light vehicles, Table 2-4 shows that the proportion of light vehicles which stopped was around 13 to 15 per cent. It is assumed that one tenth of these vehicles (currently stopping in Woomargama) were doing so only because it was convenient to use the facilities on the side of the highway, and that these vehicles would no longer stop in Woomargama if the town was bypassed.

The main land use in Woomargama is residential, which does not attract large numbers of vehicles during the evening, night and early morning. The hotel/motel and service station/general store would generate some trips, but as they are only two businesses the absolute numbers are still small. Therefore, a different proportion has been used between 6 pm and 6 am, with a higher proportion of traffic using the bypass.

The recommended proportions of the Hume Highway volumes that would use the bypass are shown in Table 4-1.



**Table 4-1 Proportion of vehicles diverting to bypass**

Traffic movement	Northbound		Southbound	
	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles
Daytime proportion of vehicles diverting to bypass – 6 am to 6 pm	87 per cent	96 per cent	89 per cent	96 per cent
Night-time proportion of vehicles diverting to bypass – 6 pm to 6 am	95 per cent	98 per cent	95 per cent	98 per cent

#### 4.2.4 Traffic volume

Traffic volumes are forecast to increase in the future. The 2008 volumes have been factored up using the 2.8 per cent per annum factor discussed in Section 4.1.2 for the design years of 2011, 2021 and 2031. The volumes on the Hume Highway with no upgrade are shown in Table 4-2.

**Table 4-2 Future AADT volumes in Woomargama with no upgrade**

Year	Northbound			Southbound		
	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles	Total vehicles	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles	Total vehicles
2011	1,728	1,202	2,930	1,640	1,281	2,921
2021	2,277	1,585	3,862	2,162	1,688	3,850
2031	3,002	2,089	5,090	2,850	2,225	5,075

The majority of the traffic currently using the highway would transfer to the new road if the upgrade was built. The forecast volumes on the existing highway with the bypass constructed are shown in Table 4-3.

**Table 4-3 Future AADT volumes on existing highway in Woomargama with bypass**

Year	Northbound			Southbound		
	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	Total Vehicles	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	Total Vehicles
2011	195	37	232	164	37	201
2021	257	49	306	216	48	264
2031	339	65	404	285	64	349

The volume on the existing Hume Highway north of Woomargama was approximately 370 vehicles higher than the volume in town. It is likely that this volume would continue to use the existing highway between Woomargama and the northern end of the project.

The forecast volumes on the bypass itself are shown in Table 4-4.

**Table 4-4 Future AADT volumes on new Woomargama bypass**

Year	Northbound			Southbound		
	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	Total Vehicles	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	Total Vehicles
2011	1,533	1,165	2,698	1,476	1,244	2,721
2021	2,020	1,535	3,556	1,946	1,640	3,586
2031	2,663	2,024	4,686	2,565	2,162	4,726

The impact of these changes on road congestion is discussed below. Detailed forecast future traffic volumes are included in Appendix D.

## 4.3 Transport impact

### 4.3.1 Road network performance

Traffic volumes on the highway are forecast to increase with or without the upgrade. This will have an impact on the LoS experienced on the existing highway. Table 4-5 shows the LoS if the highway is not upgraded. Unacceptable conditions (LoS E or F) would be experienced during the highest traffic times through the year (e.g. long weekends and school holidays) in the years 2021 and 2031. Traffic conditions for average conditions would remain within the acceptable range.

**Table 4-5 Future LoS with and without bypass**

	Do nothing		With bypass			
	Hume Highway		Hume Highway		Bypass	
	vol/cap ratio	LoS	vol/cap ratio	LoS	vol/cap ratio	LoS
2008						
50 <sup>th</sup> highest hourly volume (H <sub>50</sub> )	0.43	D				
Weekday midday peak	0.20	B				
Weekday night time truck peak	0.18	B				
2011						
50 <sup>th</sup> highest hourly volume (H <sub>50</sub> )	0.49	D	0.03	A	0.30	A
Weekday midday peak	0.22	B	0.01	A	0.11	A
Weekday night time truck peak	0.20	B	0.00	A	0.11	A
2021						
50 <sup>th</sup> highest hourly volume (H <sub>50</sub> )	0.65	E	0.04	A	0.39	B
Weekday midday peak	0.28	C	0.02	A	0.14	A
Weekday night time truck peak	0.26	C	0.01	A	0.14	A
2031						
50 <sup>th</sup> highest hourly volume (H <sub>50</sub> )	0.90	E	0.05	A	0.52	C
Weekday midday peak	0.40	D	0.02	A	0.19	A
Weekday night time truck peak	0.36	C	0.01	A	0.18	A

With the bypass, traffic volumes would be split between the two roads, with the bypass taking the majority of the traffic. The new bypass would have sufficient capacity to accommodate this traffic for the years tested.

## 4.4 Crash potential

The construction of the dual carriageway bypass would move the majority of traffic from the existing highway to the new road. The existing measured crash rate on the Hume Highway at Woomargama is lower than the typical rate for a single carriageway two lane rural main road, and less than the measured rate on the divided carriageway sections of the Hume Highway. However, it is considered likely that the crash rate would be exacerbated in the future if the highway was left as a single carriageway. This is because drivers would be used to a particular standard of road and would not react accordingly to the short section of single carriageway road. This could mean a failure to recognise, for example, that overtaking would mean choosing an appropriate gap in the oncoming traffic.

The RTA publishes a list of percentage reductions for crashes when different treatments are used (*Accident Reduction Guide, Part 1: Accident Investigation and Prevention*). A 'Duplicate Road' project is estimated to have the following percentage reductions. These have been summarised for the crash types recorded between 2002 and 2006 in Table 4-6.

**Table 4-6 Duplication of roadway crash reductions**

Crash type	2002-2006 crashes	Per cent reduction
Head-on	2	100%
Rear-end	1	30%
Off carriageway; straight	1	10%
Off straight; hit object	1	10%
Off curve, hit object	1	10%
Out of control; curve	1	10%
Other	1	0%

Applying these reductions, the duplication of the highway would result in an average 34 per cent reduction in the crashes based on the recent crash history. As traffic volumes, and therefore, the vehicle kilometres of travel are forecast to increase, the total number of crashes is expected to increase as well.

The crash rate for the existing highway through Woomargama calculated in Section 2.6 was 12.75 crashes per 100 MVKT. Assuming a 34 per cent reduction in this rate, the new bypass is expected to have an accident rate of 8.45 crashes per 100 MVKT.

Using the recorded rate for the existing alignment and the reduced rate for the new bypass and the forecast AADT volumes for 2011, 2021 and 2031, the anticipated reduction in accidents for each of these years is shown in Table 4-7.

**Table 4-7 Comparison of forecast future annual crashes**

Year	Do nothing	With upgrade		Difference
	Existing highway	Existing highway	New bypass	
2011	2.9	0.3	1.5	-1.1
2021	3.7	0.4	2.0	-1.4
2031	4.9	0.4	2.6	-1.8

Across the 20 year period from 2011 to 2031 the proposed bypass is anticipated to save four injury crashes and 24 tow-away crashes.

## 4.5 Cycle facilities

Due to the large distances between towns and the small population surrounding Woomargama, the number of cyclists using the bypass is expected to be low. Long distance cyclists may want to stop in the village to rest and use the facilities. The reduction in traffic through Woomargama would create safer and more pleasant riding conditions.

Cyclists would be encouraged to continue to use the existing highway through Woomargama by the placement of signs before the connection intersections at the start of the bypass in each direction.

There is still the chance that cyclists would use the proposed bypass. To enable this, the road shoulder should be made suitable for use by cyclists. A shoulder width of 2.5 metres would provide a 1.5 metre separation between a bicycle and the traffic lane, which is suitable for a vehicle speed of 100 kilometres per hour (Austroads Guide to Traffic Engineering Part 14 Bicycles, 1999). No value is given for speeds higher than 100 km/h. This does not allow for side clearances to obstructions.

## 4.6 Travelling stock routes/reserves

The Livestock Health and Pest Authority has reported that there are no travelling stock routes or travelling stock reserves affected by the proposed bypass.

## 4.7 Construction impact

Construction of the bypass is anticipated to take two years. Two site compounds would be established at the northern and southern ends of the bypass.

### 4.7.1 Construction times

The majority of construction activities would take place from 6 am to 7 pm, Monday to Friday; and 7 am to 4 pm Saturday (the daytime period), with no work on Sunday or public holidays. However, certain activities would be required to take place during the evening and night-time periods due to:

- Technical considerations (such as the need to meet particular quality specifications for placement of concrete pavement).
- The climatic environment (cold winters and hot summers).

- An accelerated construction program.

The proposed hours of construction are between 6 am and 7 pm Monday to Friday, and between 7 am and 4 pm Saturday. Some construction activities may be required outside of these hours. Works which could occur during the evening (7 pm to 10 pm) include:

- Concrete paving (due to temperature and curing requirements).
- Concrete saw cutting.
- Concrete batch plant deliveries and operation.
- Casting of bridge decks.

Out-of-hours work may be required for:

- Utility relocations (as directed by service providers).
- Delivery of materials required by the Police or other authorities for safety reasons.
- Emergency works.

Approval for out-of-hours work would be required. Traffic control arrangements would need to take into consideration the requirements of heavy vehicles to avoid delaying interstate freight transport.

#### **4.7.2 Staging**

The majority of the bypass can be constructed without affecting the movement of traffic on the existing highway. It is only at the northern and southern tie-in points where highway traffic needs to be adjusted to allow construction of the proposed bypass to proceed.

##### **Northern tie-in:**

1. To minimise safety risks to traffic along the highway during construction and to provide safe entry and exit points for construction traffic, a section of temporary bi-directional single lane highway would be constructed immediately to the east of the existing highway around the tie in of the new bypass and the existing highway. A crossing in the median would also be constructed to facilitate traffic merging.
2. The northbound carriageway would be closed from where it begins south of the start of the bypass and northbound traffic would be diverted to the southbound carriageway. The southbound carriageway would be converted to bi-directional with a single lane in each direction. Approximately 300 metres north of the tie-in, northbound traffic would be diverted back to the northbound carriageway. This would allow the construction of the tie-in to proceed without affecting traffic flow.

##### **Southern tie-in:**

1. A section of temporary bi-directional single lane highway would be constructed from the western side of the highway. It would connect back to the highway approximately 300 metres east of the tie-in point. A crossing in the median would also be constructed to facilitate southbound traffic merging onto the northbound side. This would allow construction of the new southbound carriageway with the existing highway raised to create a second temporary road for use in stage 2.

2. Traffic would be switched onto the second temporary road and the new southbound carriageway. Approximately 300 metres south of the tie-in, northbound traffic would be diverted back to the northbound carriageway. This would allow the construction of the remaining works.

### **4.7.3 Temporary access requirements**

#### **Construction access**

Access points at the northern and southern tie-ins would be required to facilitate construction activities. At the site compound entries, and where construction turning volumes are likely to be high or where adverse geometry exists, right turn lanes and widened shoulders would be provided. All access points would:

- Have safe intersection sight distance.
- Accommodate the turning movements of the largest heavy vehicle.
- Be constructed of suitable materials.

In addition to the roads mentioned in Section 4.7.2, a number of other temporary roads and creek crossing would be required to provide alternative access to the construction area. This includes:

- A major haul road — this would be constructed for the length of the proposed bypass along the eastern side. This road would be used to access major cuts and excavated areas. Also it would provide an alternative access when the carriageways are unavailable (e.g. after paving).
- Minor haul roads — these would be required to access key areas of the project (e.g. the top of cuts, stock pile areas).
- Creek crossings — two crossings of Mountain Creek and up to four crossings of Sandy Creek would be required.

#### **Local access**

Temporary access for landowners and operators of equipment on Mount McKenzie would be required. The location and type of road would be negotiated with landowners. These generally would be all weather access roads capable of handling a B-Double.

#### **Heavy vehicles**

The Hume Highway plays a vital role in the transport of goods by road from NSW to Victoria. To reduce the impact of construction on road freight, construction activities during the night (when truck volumes are at their highest) would be kept to a minimum.

#### **Public transport**

School bus services operate on the Hume Highway in the morning between 7.15 am and 8.30 am and in the afternoon between 4 pm and 5 pm. Buses stop at selected locations along the Hume Highway. Local bus operators and families would need to be contacted to ensure that safe alternative arrangements are made for school bus stops around the northern and southern tie-in works. Widened shoulders are proposed at property entrances to cater for school bus stops.

Long-distance bus services between Sydney and Melbourne use the highway. These services stop infrequently at towns along the route on an on-request basis. Access would be maintained along the highway and hence these services should not be significantly affected.

### **Pedestrians and bicycles**

The northern and southern tie-in points are away from the populated area of Woomargama, so it is anticipated that the number of pedestrians and cyclists wishing to travel through the affected areas would be low.

Where warranted, temporary traffic arrangements would be made in accordance with Sections 9.3 and 9.4 of the RTA's *Traffic Control at Work Sites Manual*, Section 2.3.7 of *Australian Standard 1742.3*, and Austroads *Guide to Traffic Engineering Practice* Part 13 Pedestrians and Part 14 Bicycles.

#### **4.7.4 Materials and associated traffic movements**

Materials for road construction would need to be sourced off-site and delivered to the site. The type of materials and the number of deliveries are presented below:

- Select material — 200 truck and dog deliveries per day. However, this would only be required if the rock material on-site was not suitable as select material.
- Drainage/backfill — 50 truck and dog deliveries per day.
- Aggregate for concrete — 100 truck and dog deliveries per day (only required when batch plants are in operation).
- Sand — 50 truck and dog deliveries per day (only required when batch plants are in operation).
- Cement/ash — 15 movements per day (only required when batch plants are in operation).

There is the potential that a batch plant would only be constructed at the southern end. If this were the case, concrete would be produced at the southern end batch plant and transported to the northern end via the existing highway. This would equate to 200 deliveries per day for a duration of six months.

#### **4.7.5 Plant and equipment**

The following plant and equipment would be used for the construction of the bypass:

- Delivery trucks including semi-trailers, HIABs and truck and trailers.
- Loaders including excavators, backhoes and bobcats.
- Scrapers, dump trucks and side-tippers.
- Water carts and sweepers.
- Graders and bulldozers.
- Grinders and pavers.
- Compactors including rollers.
- Cranes.



- Concrete agitators and concrete pumps.
- Saw-cutters.
- Drill-rigs, pile-rigs and augers.

The number of pieces of equipment needed on the various stages of construction is around 460, although the shared use of equipment on different stages could see the total number of pieces of equipment reduced to approximately 230.

#### **4.7.6 Vehicle numbers**

The number of vehicles associated with the construction activities would change with different phases of construction.

The number of construction personnel would change during the course of construction. A maximum workforce of 400 people is anticipated on-site at any one time, with two thirds working mainly at the southern end. This includes office staff, construction workers, engineers, subcontractors, professional staff (e.g. environmental and design personnel), truck drivers and others. It is anticipated that the number of staff and site vehicles would be 150. These vehicles would be parked at the site compounds. The majority of these vehicles would be driven from nearby towns including Holbrook, Wagga Wagga and Albury. Some construction personnel may stay in Woomargama.

Indicative numbers of vehicles involved in construction activities are described in Section 4.7.4. This list covers the main types of construction vehicles but is not a complete list of all vehicles required.

An estimate has been made of the number of vehicle trips per day on the public road system. For the purposes of this calculation a trip is counted as an in or out movement, hence a sand delivery would be counted as two trips.

- Staff vehicles — 350 trips per day.
- Delivery of equipment — 50 trips per day.
- Delivery of materials — 650 trips per day.
- Construction movements outside site boundaries — 100 trips per day.

Hence the construction activities are estimated to generate 350 light vehicle and 800 heavy vehicle trips per day on public roads. This represents an 11 per cent and 24 per cent increase in light and heavy vehicle volumes respectively of average weekday traffic.

Generally the vehicle split will be 50:50 between north and south. All deliveries would originate from the north.

#### **4.7.7 Traffic management**

The types of traffic management required during construction includes: introduction of roadwork speed zones, diversion of traffic onto temporary or newly constructed roads, closure of auxiliary overtaking lanes, short-term (up to 15 minute) closures, short-term one lane alternative operations, haulage operations, haulage road crossing, and over-dimension vehicle movements.

A construction traffic management plan would be prepared in the later stage of the project. The plan would detail how the traffic impacts associated with the construction of the project would be managed.

Site specific traffic control plans would be developed for both long and short-term works, with the aim to maximise safety for workers and road users. These plans would be based on the relevant sections of the construction traffic management plan. The traffic control plans will be prepared in accordance with the RTA's *Traffic Control at Work Sites* manual, *Australian Standard 1742.3*, and *RTA Specification G10* and would aim to:

- Warn drivers of changes to the usual road conditions.
- Inform drivers about changed conditions.
- Guide drivers through the work site.
- Ensure safety for workers, motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

The 70 kilometres per hour zone at Woomargama would be lengthened to include the southern site access. Temporary roadwork speed limits may be required to reduce traffic speeds to suitable levels near construction activities for the protection of construction workers and the travelling public. Applications for temporary alterations to road speed limits would be made to the RTA, with notification of approved changes to the NSW Police and local council (if required).

## 5. Conclusions

The project includes the construction of a bypass of Woomargama on the Hume Highway in south-western NSW. The Federal and NSW governments have committed to the completion of the upgrading of the Hume Highway to four lane dual carriageways by 2012. The upgrading of the sections of the highway through Tarcutta, Holbrook and Woomargama would see the completion of the conversion of the entire highway to dual carriageway.

### 5.1 Transport improvements

The bypass would reduce travel times along the highway from Albury to the junction with the Sturt Highway by approximately one minute 30 seconds, which would improve the efficiency of freight movements. It would also provide additional overtaking opportunities, making the Hume Highway safer.

In terms of road capacity, the bypass would create additional capacity for the busiest times of the year, including long weekends such as Easter, and the school holidays. If the bypass was not constructed, traffic conditions on the highway would reach unacceptable levels during these busy times by 2021.

### 5.2 Traffic impacts

The bypass would provide a shorter travel time compared with the existing alignment, attracting through traffic from the existing road through the village. It is considered that some of the vehicles that currently stop in Woomargama do so only because they are driving past and it is convenient to do so. If the town is bypassed, it is likely that a small percentage of these vehicles would use the bypass rather than diverting into the village. The proportion of vehicles that are estimated to divert onto the bypass is shown in Table 5-1.

**Table 5-1 Proportion of vehicles diverting to bypass**

Traffic movement	Northbound		Southbound	
	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles	Light vehicles	Heavy vehicles
Daytime proportion of vehicles diverting to bypass – 6 am to 6 pm	87 per cent	96 per cent	89 per cent	96 per cent
Night-time proportion of vehicles diverting to bypass – 6 pm to 6 am	95 per cent	98 per cent	95 per cent	98 per cent

Local access would be maintained to all properties.

The road shoulder should be made suitable for use by cyclists wishing to use the new bypass.

### 5.3 Crash potential

The highway at Woomargama currently has a low accident rate, although this is forecast to increase as the sections of the highway north and south of the project are upgraded. The five year crash history for the section of highway to be bypassed shows two head-on crashes and one injury crash.

Typically, the construction of a dual carriageway highway results in a lower crash rate. This is because the dual carriageway road creates separation between the two traffic flows, reducing head-on collisions from failed overtaking manoeuvres and from errant vehicles crossing the centreline. The provision of two lanes each way would create safer overtaking opportunities, reducing the chance of a head-on collision. It is also anticipated that the new bypass would be designed to a higher standard than the existing highway. The removal of through traffic from the village would create larger gaps in traffic, allowing easier and safer turns at intersections.

Using RTA percentage reductions for the various crash types and applying these to the crash types recorded on the highway at Woomargama, it is anticipated that the bypass would have a crash rate 34 per cent lower than the existing highway. Projecting this reduction over a 20 year timeframe from the time of opening, the construction of the upgrade is forecast to result in four less injury crashes and 24 less tow-away crashes than if the project was not built.

### 5.4 Construction impacts

Construction of the bypass is expected to take two years. Construction activity is proposed between 6 am and 7 pm Monday to Friday, and between 7 am and 4 pm Saturday. However, some construction activity affecting traffic would occur outside these hours.

Most of the construction activity would be contained within the site boundary and would not affect traffic or access. The areas of construction at the northern and southern tie-ins would affect traffic. Construction would be staged to minimise disruption.

A construction traffic management plan would be prepared, which would detail how the traffic impacts associated with the construction of the bypass would be managed. The plan would include traffic control plans documenting the proposed changes to traffic conditions and access. Some reductions in road speed limits may be required to protect the safety of construction personnel and the travelling public.

Access to the northern and southern site compounds and batching plants would be via the temporary accesses from the highway. Access to the work areas from the highway would be controlled. Temporary internal haul roads would be built along with creek crossings.

Construction works along the highway on the northern and southern tie-ins would need to take into consideration the need for school bus stops, pedestrians and bicycles.

The construction activities would result in an increase in traffic volumes on the Hume Highway and in Woomargama. Additional traffic would be associated with the transport of construction materials, the delivery of plant and equipment, staff movement and construction activities outside the site boundary. This would increase volumes on the highway by 11 per cent of light vehicles and 24 per cent of heavy vehicles.

## **Appendix A**

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RTA 2006 traffic volume data



## HUME HWY, SH2

HOLBROOK-1.9K N OF MR331, YOUNG ST

Station No. 95.002.C

p indicates Public Holiday



2006 RTA classified count for Hume Highway, North of Holbrook

Table 1. Northbound (adjusted) traffic volume																															
Sun			Mon			Tue			Wed			Thu			Fri			Sat			Average Annual Weekday Traffic			Average Annual Weekend Traffic			Average Annual Daily Traffic				
Time	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	
0:00	6	8	14	7	32	39	6	88	94	7	96	102	9	102	111	12	96	107	14	56	70	8	84	92	10	32	42	9	68	77	
1:00	5	8	13	6	24	30	5	67	72	4	73	77	6	76	80	8	89	11	44	55	6	64	70	7	26	34	6	52	59		
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Total	1597	609	2206	1435	937	2372	1021	1193	2214	1009	1224	2233	1213	1180	2393	842	2548	1375	461	1836	1277	1362	2639	1486	535	2021	1337	921	2258		

Summary of northbound volume			
Day	Light	Heavy	Total
Sunday	1597	609	2206
Monday	1435	937	2372
Tuesday	1021	1193	2214
Wednesday	1009	1224	2233
Thursday	1213	1180	2393
Friday	1706	842	2548
Saturday	1375	461	1836

AAWT	1277	1362	2639
AAWE	1486	535	2021
ADT	1337	921	2258

Table 2. Southbound traffic volume																															
Sun			Mon			Tue			Wed			Thu			Fri			Sat			Average Annual Weekday Traffic			Average Annual Weekend Traffic			Average Annual Daily Traffic				
Time	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	
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## **Appendix B**

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2008 traffic volumes



2008 Traffic volume on Hume Highway north of Woomargama

Table 1. Northbound traffic volume																															
Sun			Mon			Tue			Wed			Thu			Fri			Sat			Average Annual Weekday Traffic			Average Annual Weekend Traffic			Average Annual Daily Traffic				
Time	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	
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Time	Sun			Mon			Tue			Wed			Thu			Fri			Sat			Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total						
	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total															
0:00	28	23	50	16	38	54	22	66	88	32	122	154	32	123	155	36	115	151	23	76	99	28	93	121	25	49	75	27	81	107						
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Sun			Mon			Tue			Wed			Thu			Fri			Sat			Average Annual Weekday Traffic			Average Annual Weekend Traffic			Average Annual Daily Traffic		
Time	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total		
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Table 2. Southbound traffic volume																															
Sun			Mon			Tue			Wed			Thu			Fri			Sat			Average Annual Weekday Traffic			Average Annual Weekend Traffic			Average Annual Daily Traffic				
Time	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total				
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Table 3. Combination																													
Sun			Mon			Tue			Wed			Thu			Fri			Sat			Average Annual Weekday Traffic			Average Annual Weekend Traffic			Average Annual Daily Traffic		
Time	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total		
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1:00	35	24	59	40	46	86	60	47	107	196	34	187	221	23	150	173	30	198	228	27	125	152	30	146	175	21	75		
2:00	15	20	35	11	38	49	38	92	130	92	27	77	132	25	117	142	27	158	185	25	94	119	21	97	117	79	27		
3:00	15	14	29	18	23	41	15	15	30	83	19	86	107	25	106	131	22	104	126	22	80	102	17	67	84	79	17		
4:00	23	14	37	21	24	44	23	16	39	68	19	63	83	16	53	69	35	74	109	18	53	71	25	32	57	47	61		
5:00	29	9	38	7	38	44	115	44	48	92	52	63	115	44	65	109	40	62	102	51	55	106	50	57	107	40	32		
6:00	25	15	40	55	108	163	41	88	129	148	78	58	136	87	79	165	78	57	132	79	36	115	85	53	141	75	45		
7:00	66	29	95	95	149	244	60	208	268	131	64	196	100	72	172	104	75	186	69	44	113	119	69	188	67	36	104		
8:00	148	162	310	170	158	328	197	122	319	151	72	223	160	72	63	223	163	46	208	158	60	221	163	34	104	104	60		
9:00	219	35	254	207	54	261	208	62	271	186	66	252	191	67	263	211	67	278	238	31	268	201	64	265	228	33	261		
10:00	280	43	322	229	64	293	280	56	293	229	67	293	250	67	262	223	67	292	267	35	302	221	64	285	273	39	312		
11:00	322	58	381	199	72	271	245	71	316	199	65	271	245	56	277	253	57	310	245	45	290	223	64	287	284	51	335		
12:00	362	63	425	206	56	262	243	74	317	202	72	267	202	60	278	196	74	267	287	43	274	215	68	283	302	53	349		
13:00	419	58	477	212	86	298	268	100	367	191	79	270	225	76	301	234	67	301	226	44	269	226	82	307	322	73	326		
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15:00	439	102	541	221	120	341	256	126	382	198	120	341	235	119	354	233	79	312	183	39	222	229	113	341	311	71	382		
16:00	434	138	572	257	128	385	242	150	392	257	147	329	244	139	383	218	92	310	170	43	213	328	131	310	360	302	90		
17:00	324	151	475	217	167	384	211	162	372	171	158	329	221	150	370	215	88	303	158	41	198	207	145	352	241	96	337		
18:00	287	193	480	119	169	288	109	174	283	119	100	286	260	144	316	159	88	247	102	39	141	126	153	279	195	116	311		
19:00	141	142	283	69	169	238	68	170	237	53	183	236	93	160	253	130	95	225	81	39	121	83	155	238	111	91	202		
20:00	128	142	271	36	167	203	51	187	238	47	167	214	86	177	262	87	77	164	50	35	85	61	155	216	89	89	178		
21:00	61	134	196	57	173	231	39	190	229	37	191	228	69	192	260	66	106	172	45	35	80	54	170	224	53	85	138		
22:00	50	141	191	44	183	228	50	206	237	38	204	231	46	211	243	46	124	170	26	33	59	40	186	226	38	87	125		
23:00	41	93	134	35	204	238	36	210	246	30	231	261	40	221	261	47	119	166	23	26	49	38	197	235	32	60	92		
Total	4339	1748	6087	2889	2292	5181	3063	2737	5800	2537	2987	5524	2983	2822	5805	3123	2175	5298	2769	3554	1238	4007	2919	2603	5522	3554	1493	5047	

Daily	Northbound			Southbound		
	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	Total Vehicles	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	Total Vehicles
AAWT	1,498	1,248	2,747	1,421	1,354	2,775
AAWE	1,820	752	2,573	1,734	741	2,474
AADT	1,590	1,107	2,697	1,510	1,179	2,689

Peak Hours	Northbound			Southbound		
	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	Total Vehicles	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	Total Vehicles
Weekday midday peak	112	66	178	116	65	182
Weekday night-time truck peak	23	112	136	14	85	99
Weekend	138	25	192	164	34	198
Weekly	120	63	183	130	57	186

Peak Hours	Northbound Heavy Vehicles			Southbound Heavy Vehicles		
	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	Total Vehicles	Light Vehicles	Heavy Vehicles	Total Vehicles
H30						
H50	231	161	392	275	215	489
H100	201	140	342	245	191	437
H100	173	120	293	204	159	363

## **Appendix C**

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Forecast future traffic volumes





**Hume Highway Forecast Traffic Volumes in Woomargama, 2011**

**2011 Do Nothing - Hume Highway**

South of Town Northbound

Time	Average Annual Weekday Traffic			Average Annual Weekend Traffic			Average Annual Daily Traffic		
	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	33	83	117	25	51	76	32	74	106
1:00	22	67	90	17	46	64	22	61	82
2:00	19	45	65	15	30	45	18	41	59
3:00	12	31	44	11	16	28	12	27	39
4:00	13	21	34	18	12	30	14	19	33
5:00	41	26	67	22	16	38	37	23	60
6:00	108	47	154	34	11	45	92	38	130
7:00	65	46	111	57	15	72	63	38	102
8:00	70	47	117	87	22	109	75	40	115
9:00	107	44	151	122	21	143	112	38	150
10:00	123	46	169	174	22	196	136	40	176
11:00	125	45	170	187	28	215	141	40	181
12:00	117	47	164	184	34	218	134	43	177
13:00	130	49	179	187	34	221	145	44	189
14:00	118	52	171	173	40	213	132	48	181
15:00	105	62	167	160	42	202	119	56	175
16:00	95	64	159	144	51	195	107	59	166
17:00	80	67	147	107	56	164	87	62	150
18:00	68	68	136	86	57	143	73	64	136
19:00	41	66	107	54	53	108	44	61	106
20:00	34	70	103	46	49	95	37	63	100
21:00	31	75	106	34	44	78	32	66	98
22:00	33	93	126	16	38	54	29	79	108
23:00	37	95	132	16	29	45	33	78	111
Total	1,628	1,356	2,984	1,978	817	2,795	1,728	1,202	2,930

South of Town Southbound

Time	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	25	92	117	19	51	70	24	80	104
1:00	22	89	112	22	51	73	22	78	101
2:00	14	59	73	14	38	52	14	53	67
3:00	12	40	51	11	29	40	12	36	48
4:00	10	29	39	12	22	33	11	27	37
5:00	18	29	47	14	24	37	17	27	44
6:00	46	34	80	24	22	46	41	31	71
7:00	47	40	87	43	14	57	46	33	79
8:00	73	42	115	77	16	93	74	35	109
9:00	95	46	141	118	21	139	102	39	141
10:00	111	42	153	147	15	162	121	35	155
11:00	112	41	153	178	29	206	129	37	166
12:00	119	44	163	171	32	203	133	40	173
13:00	124	52	176	180	31	211	139	46	185
14:00	125	55	180	154	34	188	133	49	182
15:00	115	62	177	158	34	192	127	54	180
16:00	115	78	193	146	41	187	124	68	191
17:00	108	78	186	130	47	177	115	69	183
18:00	77	81	158	89	52	142	81	72	153
19:00	52	78	130	67	45	111	56	68	124
20:00	35	79	114	45	45	91	38	69	107
21:00	34	81	115	32	44	76	34	70	104
22:00	28	97	125	17	36	52	25	81	106
23:00	26	104	129	17	32	49	24	85	108
Total	1,543	1,471	3,015	1,883	805	2,688	1,640	1,281	2,921

Combination

Time	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	58	175	234	44	103	146	56	154	210
1:00	45	157	201	39	97	137	44	139	183
2:00	34	104	138	29	67	97	33	93	126
3:00	24	71	95	23	45	68	24	64	88
4:00	23	50	73	30	34	63	25	45	70
5:00	59	55	114	36	39	75	54	50	104
6:00	154	81	235	58	33	91	133	68	201
7:00	112	86	198	99	30	129	110	71	181
8:00	143	89	232	163	39	202	149	75	224
9:00	202	90	292	240	42	281	213	77	290
10:00	234	88	322	321	37	358	257	74	331
11:00	237	85	322	365	57	422	270	77	347
12:00	236	92	328	355	65	420	267	83	350
13:00	255	101	355	367	65	432	284	90	374
14:00	243	108	351	327	74	401	265	97	362
15:00	220	123	344	318	76	394	246	109	355
16:00	210	142	351	290	92	382	231	126	357
17:00	189	145	333	237	103	340	202	131	333
18:00	145	149	294	175	109	284	154	136	290
19:00	93	144	237	121	98	219	100	130	230
20:00	69	148	217	92	94	186	75	132	207
21:00	65	156	220	66	89	154	66	137	202
22:00	61	190	251	32	74	106	55	159	214
23:00	63	199	261	33	61	94	56	163	219
Total	3,171	2,827	5,999	3,861	1,622	5,483	3,368	2,483	5,851

**2011 with Bypass - Hume Highway**

South of Town Northbound

Time	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	2	2	3	1	1	2	2	1	3
1:00	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
2:00	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
3:00	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
4:00	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
5:00	2	1	3	1	0	1	2	0	2
6:00	14	2	16	4	0	5	12	2	14
7:00	8	2	10	7	1	8	8	2	10
8:00	9	2	11	11	1	12	10	2	12
9:00	14	2	16	16	1	17	15	2	16
10:00	16	2	18	23	1	24	18	2	20
11:00	16	2	18	24	1	26	18	2	20
12:00	15	2	17	24	1	26	18	2	19
13:00	17	2	19	24	2	26	19	2	21
14:00	15	2	18	23	2	24	17	2	19
15:00	14	3	17	21	2	23	16	2	18
16:00	12	3	15	19	2	21	14	3	17
17:00	11	3	13	14	3	17	11	3	14
18:00	3	1	5	4	1	5	4	1	5
19:00	2	1	3	3	1	4	2	1	3
20:00	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	3
21:00	2	2	3	2	1	3	2	1	3
22:00	2	2	4	1	1	2	1	2	3
23:00	2	2	4	1	1	1	2	2	3
Total	182	42	224	230	26	255	195	37	232

South of Town Southbound

Time	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	3
1:00	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	3
2:00	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
3:00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4:00	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
5:00	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
6:00	5	1	7	3	1	4	5	1	6
7:00	5	2	7	5	1	5	5	1	7
8:00	8	2	10	9	1	9	8	1	10
9:00	11	2	13	13	1	14	12	2	13
10:00	13	2	14	17	1	17	14	1	15
11:00	13	2	14	20	1	21	15	1	16
12:00	14	2	15	19	1	21	15	2	17
13:00	14	2	16	21	1	22	16	2	18
14:00	14	2	16	18	1	19	15	2	17
15:00	13	3	16	18	1	19	14	2	17
16:00	13	3	16	17	2	18	14	3	17
17:00	12	3	16	15	2	17	13	3	16
18:00	4	2	5	4	1	6	4	1	5
19:00	3	2	4	3	1	4	3	1	4
20:00	2	2	3	2	1	3	2	1	3
21:00	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	1	3
22:00	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	3
23:00	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	2	3
Total	153	42	195	192	23	215	164	37	201

Combination

Time	Average Annual Weekday Traffic			Average Annual Weekend Traffic			Average Annual Daily Traffic		
	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	3	4	6	2	2	4	3	3	6
1:00	2	3	5	2	2	4	2	3	5
2:00	2	2	4	1	1	3	2	2	4
3:00	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	2
4:00	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
5:00	3	1	4	2	1	3	3	1	4
6:00	19	3	23	7	1	9	17	3	20
7:00	14	4	17	12	1	14	14	3	17
8:00	17	4	21	20	2	22	18	3	21
9:00	25	4	29	29	2	31	26	3	29
10:00	29	4	32	39	2	41	32	3	35
11:00	29	4	33	45	2	47	33	3	36
12:00	29	4	33	44	3	46	33	4	36
13:00	31	4	35	45	3	48	35	4	39
14:00	30	5	34	40	3	43	32	4	37
15:00	27	5	32	39	3	42	30	5	35
16:00	26	6	32	35	4	39	28	5	33
17:00	23	6	29	29	4	33	25	6	30
18:00	7	3	10	9	2	11	8	3	10
19:00	5	3	8	6	2	8	5	3	8
20:00	3	3	6	5	2	6	4	3	6
21:00	3	3	6	3	2	5	3	3	6
22:00	3	4	7	2	1	3	3	3	6
23:00	3	4	7	2	1	3	3	3	6
Total	335	84	419	421	49	470	359	74	433

**Hume Highway Forecast Traffic Volumes in Woomargama, 2021**

**2021 Do Nothing - Hume Highway**

South of Town Northbound

Time	Average Annual Weekday Traffic			Average Annual Weekend Traffic			Average Annual Daily Traffic		
	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	44	110	154	32	68	100	42	98	139
1:00	30	89	118	23	61	84	28	80	109
2:00	25	60	85	20	39	59	24	54	78
3:00	16	41	58	15	22	37	16	36	52
4:00	17	28	45	24	15	39	19	25	43
5:00	54	34	88	30	20	50	49	30	79
6:00	142	62	203	45	14	59	121	50	171
7:00	85	61	146	75	20	95	84	51	134
8:00	92	62	154	115	29	144	99	53	152
9:00	141	58	200	160	28	188	147	50	197
10:00	162	61	223	230	29	259	180	52	232
11:00	165	59	224	247	37	284	186	53	238
12:00	154	62	217	243	44	287	177	57	233
13:00	172	64	236	247	45	291	191	58	249
14:00	156	69	225	228	53	281	175	64	238
15:00	139	81	220	211	55	266	157	73	230
16:00	125	84	209	190	67	257	142	78	219
17:00	106	88	194	141	74	216	115	82	198
18:00	90	90	179	113	75	188	96	84	180
19:00	54	87	141	72	70	142	59	81	139
20:00	44	92	136	61	64	125	49	83	132
21:00	41	99	140	44	58	103	42	87	129
22:00	43	123	166	21	50	71	39	104	143
23:00	49	125	174	21	38	60	43	103	146
Total	2,146	1,787	3,933	2,607	1,077	3,684	2,277	1,585	3,862

South of Town Southbound

Time	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	33	121	154	25	68	93	31	106	137
1:00	29	118	147	29	68	97	30	103	133
2:00	19	78	97	19	50	68	19	69	88
3:00	15	53	68	15	38	53	15	48	63
4:00	14	38	52	15	29	44	14	35	49
5:00	23	39	62	18	31	49	22	36	58
6:00	61	45	106	31	29	60	54	40	94
7:00	62	52	114	56	19	75	61	43	104
8:00	96	56	151	101	22	122	98	46	144
9:00	125	61	186	156	27	183	134	51	185
10:00	146	55	201	193	20	213	159	46	205
11:00	148	53	201	234	38	272	170	48	219
12:00	157	58	215	225	42	267	175	53	228
13:00	164	69	232	238	41	279	183	60	244
14:00	164	73	237	203	45	248	175	64	240
15:00	152	81	233	208	45	253	167	71	238
16:00	151	103	254	193	54	247	163	89	252
17:00	143	103	246	172	61	233	151	91	242
18:00	102	107	208	118	69	187	106	95	202
19:00	68	103	171	88	59	147	74	90	164
20:00	47	104	150	60	60	120	50	91	141
21:00	45	106	151	42	59	101	45	93	137
22:00	37	128	165	22	47	69	33	106	140
23:00	34	137	170	22	42	65	31	111	143
Total	2,034	1,939	3,973	2,482	1,061	3,543	2,162	1,688	3,850

Combination

Time	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	77	231	308	57	135	193	73	204	277
1:00	59	207	266	52	128	180	58	184	241
2:00	44	138	182	39	89	128	43	123	167
3:00	31	94	125	30	60	90	31	84	115
4:00	30	66	96	39	44	84	33	60	92
5:00	78	72	150	48	52	99	71	66	137
6:00	203	107	309	76	43	119	175	90	265
7:00	147	113	260	131	39	170	145	94	239
8:00	188	117	305	215	51	267	196	99	296
9:00	267	119	385	316	55	371	281	101	383
10:00	308	116	424	423	49	472	339	98	436
11:00	312	113	425	481	75	556	356	101	457
12:00	311	121	432	468	86	554	352	110	461
13:00	335	133	468	484	85	570	375	119	493
14:00	320	142	462	431	98	528	350	128	478
15:00	290	163	453	420	100	520	324	144	468
16:00	277	187	463	382	121	503	304	167	471
17:00	249	191	439	313	136	449	266	173	439
18:00	191	196	388	231	144	374	203	179	382
19:00	122	190	312	159	130	289	132	171	303
20:00	91	195	286	121	124	245	99	174	273
21:00	85	205	291	87	117	203	86	180	266
22:00	80	251	331	43	97	140	72	210	282
23:00	83	262	345	44	80	124	74	215	289
Total	4,180	3,727	7,906	5,089	2,138	7,227	4,440	3,273	7,712

**2021 with Bypass - Hume Highway**

South of Town Northbound

Time	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	2	2	4	2	1	3	2	2	4
1:00	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	3
2:00	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
3:00	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
4:00	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	1
5:00	3	1	3	1	0	2	2	1	3
6:00	19	3	21	6	1	7	16	2	18
7:00	11	3	14	10	1	11	11	2	13
8:00	12	3	15	15	1	16	13	2	15
9:00	18	3	21	21	1	22	19	2	21
10:00	21	3	24	30	1	31	23	2	26
11:00	22	3	24	32	2	34	24	2	27
12:00	20	3	23	32	2	34	23	3	26
13:00	22	3	25	32	2	34	25	3	28
14:00	20	3	24	30	2	32	23	3	26
15:00	18	4	22	28	2	30	21	3	24
16:00	16	4	20	25	3	28	19	3	22
17:00	14	4	18	18	3	22	15	4	19
18:00	4	2	6	6	1	7	5	2	6
19:00	3	2	4	4	1	5	3	2	5
20:00	2	2	4	3	1	4	2	2	4
21:00	2	2	4	2	1	3	2	2	4
22:00	2	2	5	1	1	2	2	2	4
23:00	2	3	5	1	1	2	2	2	4
Total	240	56	295	303	34	336	257	49	306

South of Town Southbound

Time	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	2	2	4	1	1	3	2	2	4
1:00	1	2	4	1	1	3	1	2	4
2:00	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	2
3:00	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
4:00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5:00	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
6:00	7	2	9	4	1	5	6	2	8
7:00	7	2	9	6	1	7	7	2	9
8:00	11	2	13	11	1	12	11	2	13
9:00	14	2	17	18	1	19	15	2	17
10:00	17	2	19	22	1	23	18	2	20
11:00	17	2	19	27	2	28	19	2	21
12:00	18	2	20	26	2	27	20	2	22
13:00	19	3	21	27	2	29	21	2	23
14:00	19	3	22	23	2	25	20	3	23
15:00	17	3	21	24	2	26	19	3	22
16:00	17	4	21	22	2	24	19	4	22
17:00	16	4	20	20	3	22	17	4	21
18:00	5	2	7	6	1	7	5	2	7
19:00	3	2	5	4	1	6	4	2	5
20:00	2	2	4	3	1	4	3	2	4
21:00	2	2	4	2	1	3	2	2	4
22:00	2	3	4	1	1	2	2	2	4
23:00	2	3	4	1	1	2	2	2	4
Total	202	56	257	253	30	283	216	48	264

Combination

Time	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	4	5	8	3	3	6	4	4	8
1:00	3	4	7	3	3	5	3	4	7
2:00	2	3	5	2	2	4	2	2	5
3:00	2	2	3	1	1	3	2	2	3
4:00	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	3
5:00	4	1	5	2	1	3	4	1	5
6:00	25	5	30	9	2	11	22	4	26
7:00	18	5	23	16	2	18	18	4	22
8:00	23	5	28	26	2	29	24	4	28
9:00	33	5	38	39	2	41	35	4	39
10:00	38	5	43	52	2	54	42	4	46
11:00	38	5	43	59	3	62	44	4	48
12:00	38	5	43	57	4	61	43	5	48
13:00	41	6	47	59	4	63	46	5	51
14:00	39	6	45	53	4	57	43	5	48
15:00	35	7	42	51	4	56	40	6	46
16:00	34	8	42	47	5	52	37	7	44
17:00	30	8	38	38	6	44	32	7	40
18:00	10	4	13	12	3	14	10	4	14
19:00	6	4	10	8	3	11	7	3	10
20:00	5	4	8	6	2	9	5	3	8
21:00	4	4	8	4	2	7	4	4	8
22:00	4	5	9	2	2	4	4	4	

**Hume Highway Forecast Traffic Volumes in Woomargama, 2031**

**2031 Do Nothing - Hume Highway**

South of Town Northbound									
Time	Average Annual Weekday Traffic			Average Annual Weekend Traffic			Average Annual Daily Traffic		
	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	58	145	203	43	89	132	55	129	184
1:00	39	117	156	30	80	110	37	106	143
2:00	33	79	112	26	52	78	32	71	103
3:00	21	54	76	20	28	48	21	47	69
4:00	22	37	59	32	20	52	24	32	57
5:00	72	44	116	39	27	66	65	39	104
6:00	187	81	268	59	19	78	159	66	225
7:00	112	80	192	99	27	126	110	67	177
8:00	122	81	203	151	39	190	130	70	200
9:00	186	77	263	211	37	248	194	66	260
10:00	214	80	293	303	39	341	237	69	305
11:00	217	78	295	325	49	374	245	69	314
12:00	204	82	286	320	58	378	233	75	307
13:00	226	85	311	325	59	384	252	77	329
14:00	206	91	297	301	70	370	230	84	314
15:00	183	107	290	279	73	351	207	97	304
16:00	165	110	275	250	88	338	187	102	289
17:00	140	116	255	186	98	284	152	108	260
18:00	118	118	236	149	98	248	127	110	237
19:00	71	114	185	94	93	187	77	106	183
20:00	58	121	179	81	85	165	64	110	174
21:00	54	130	184	59	77	135	55	115	171
22:00	57	162	219	27	66	94	51	137	188
23:00	64	165	230	28	50	79	57	136	193
Total	2,828	2,356	5,184	3,436	1,420	4,856	3,002	2,089	5,090

South of Town Southbound									
Time	Average Annual Weekday Traffic			Average Annual Weekend Traffic			Average Annual Daily Traffic		
	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	43	160	204	33	89	122	41	140	181
1:00	39	155	194	38	89	127	39	136	175
2:00	25	103	128	25	65	90	25	91	117
3:00	20	69	89	20	51	70	20	63	83
4:00	18	50	68	20	38	58	19	46	65
5:00	31	51	82	24	41	65	29	47	77
6:00	80	59	140	41	38	79	71	53	124
7:00	82	69	151	74	25	99	81	57	138
8:00	126	73	199	133	29	161	129	61	190
9:00	165	80	245	205	36	241	177	68	244
10:00	193	72	265	255	26	281	210	60	270
11:00	195	70	265	308	50	358	224	64	288
12:00	207	77	284	297	55	352	231	70	301
13:00	216	90	306	313	54	367	242	80	321
14:00	216	96	312	267	59	326	231	85	316
15:00	200	107	307	274	59	334	220	93	313
16:00	200	136	335	254	71	325	215	117	332
17:00	188	136	324	226	81	307	199	120	319
18:00	134	141	275	155	91	246	140	126	266
19:00	90	136	226	116	78	194	97	119	216
20:00	61	137	198	79	79	158	66	120	186
21:00	59	140	199	55	77	133	59	122	181
22:00	49	169	217	29	62	91	44	140	184
23:00	45	180	225	30	55	85	41	147	188
Total	2,681	2,556	5,237	3,272	1,398	4,670	2,850	2,225	5,075

Combination									
Time	Average Annual Weekday Traffic			Average Annual Weekend Traffic			Average Annual Daily Traffic		
	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	102	305	406	76	178	254	96	268	365
1:00	78	272	350	68	169	238	76	242	318
2:00	58	182	240	51	117	168	57	162	219
3:00	41	124	165	39	79	118	41	111	152
4:00	40	87	127	52	58	110	43	79	122
5:00	103	95	198	63	68	131	94	87	181
6:00	267	141	408	101	57	157	231	119	349
7:00	194	149	343	173	52	224	191	124	315
8:00	248	155	402	284	67	351	259	131	390
9:00	351	157	508	417	72	489	371	134	504
10:00	406	152	559	557	65	622	446	129	575
11:00	412	148	560	634	99	733	469	133	602
12:00	410	159	569	617	113	730	464	145	608
13:00	442	175	617	638	112	751	494	156	650
14:00	422	187	609	568	129	696	461	169	630
15:00	383	214	597	553	132	685	427	190	617
16:00	364	246	610	504	159	663	401	220	621
17:00	328	251	579	412	179	591	351	228	579
18:00	252	259	511	304	189	494	267	236	503
19:00	161	250	411	210	171	381	174	225	400
20:00	120	258	377	159	164	323	130	230	360
21:00	113	270	383	114	154	268	114	237	351
22:00	106	331	436	56	128	184	95	277	372
23:00	109	345	454	58	106	164	98	283	381
Total	5,509	4,912	10,421	6,708	2,818	9,526	5,851	4,314	10,165

**2031 with Bypass - Hume Highway**

South of Town Northbound									
Time	Average Annual Weekday Traffic			Average Annual Weekend Traffic			Average Annual Daily Traffic		
	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	3	3	6	2	2	4	3	3	5
1:00	2	2	4	2	2	3	2	2	4
2:00	2	2	3	1	1	2	2	1	3
3:00	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
4:00	1	1	2	2	0	2	1	1	2
5:00	4	1	4	2	1	2	3	1	4
6:00	24	4	28	8	1	9	21	3	24
7:00	15	4	18	13	1	14	14	3	17
8:00	16	4	20	20	2	21	17	3	20
9:00	24	3	28	28	2	29	25	3	28
10:00	28	4	31	40	2	41	31	3	34
11:00	28	3	32	43	2	45	32	3	35
12:00	27	4	30	42	3	44	30	3	34
13:00	30	4	33	43	3	45	33	3	36
14:00	27	4	31	39	3	42	30	4	34
15:00	24	5	29	36	3	40	27	4	31
16:00	22	5	26	33	4	37	24	5	29
17:00	18	5	23	24	4	29	20	5	25
18:00	6	2	8	7	2	9	6	2	9
19:00	4	2	6	5	2	7	4	2	6
20:00	3	2	5	4	2	6	3	2	5
21:00	3	3	5	3	2	4	3	2	5
22:00	3	3	6	1	1	3	3	3	5
23:00	3	3	7	1	1	2	3	3	6
Total	316	73	389	399	44	443	339	65	404

South of Town Southbound									
Time	Average Annual Weekday Traffic			Average Annual Weekend Traffic			Average Annual Daily Traffic		
	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	2	3	5	2	2	3	2	3	5
1:00	2	3	5	2	2	4	2	3	5
2:00	1	2	3	1	1	3	1	2	3
3:00	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
4:00	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
5:00	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	2
6:00	9	2	12	5	2	6	8	2	10
7:00	9	3	12	8	1	9	9	2	11
8:00	14	3	17	15	1	16	15	2	17
9:00	19	3	22	23	1	25	20	3	23
10:00	22	3	25	29	1	30	24	2	26
11:00	22	3	25	35	2	37	26	3	28
12:00	24	3	27	34	2	36	26	3	29
13:00	25	4	28	36	2	38	28	3	31
14:00	25	4	29	30	2	33	26	3	30
15:00	23	4	27	31	2	34	25	4	29
16:00	23	6	28	29	3	32	24	5	29
17:00	21	6	27	26	3	29	23	5	28
18:00	7	3	10	8	2	10	7	3	10
19:00	5	3	7	6	2	7	5	2	7
20:00	3	3	6	4	2	6	3	2	6
21:00	3	3	6	3	2	4	3	2	5
22:00	2	3	6	1	1	3	2	3	5
23:00	2	4	6	1	1	3	2	3	5
Total	266	73	339	333	40	373	285	64	349

Combination									
Time	Average Annual Weekday Traffic			Average Annual Weekend Traffic			Average Annual Daily Traffic		
	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Total
0:00	5	6	11	4	4	7	5	5	10
1:00	4	5	9	3	3	7	4	5	9
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