Permanent and temporary traffic changes between Harwood and Chatsworth Island

Roads and Maritime Services, Pacific Complete and its contractor partners are working together to deliver the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade.

During September to November, traffic will be temporarily moved onto new sections of road and the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Serpentine Channel South Bank Road will permanently close, weather permitting.

These traffic changes will occur in stages allowing us to maintain capacity on the road network while we safely continue to build the upgrade.
Motorists will be kept informed about dates for these changes through electronic message signs along the highway and livetraffic.com.au

From late September, traffic will temporarily travel one lane in each direction on the new bridge over Serpentine Channel. At this time, the intersection at Serpentine Channel South Bank Road will close permanently. Access to and from the Pacific Highway will be by a link road connecting Serpentine Channel South Bank Road with Watts Lane East and Oval Link Road.

In November, traffic will be moved onto about 4.5 kilometres of the future northbound carriageway, one lane in each direction between Serpentine Channel and Carrolls Lane, Chatsworth Island.

Permanent closure of Serpentine Channel South Bank Road and Pacific Highway intersection

Closing this intersection was identified in the project’s Environmental Impact Statement as part of a future upgrade to a motorway standard highway through Chatsworth Island. A motorway standard is achieved by removing intersections with the highway.

Removing the left in, left out vehicle movements in this location will improve safety by reducing potential conflict points, while construction of the link road between Serpentine Channel South Bank Road and Watts Lane East ensures local access is maintained.

Motorists will continue to access to and from Serpentine Channel South Bank Road via Oval Link Road and Watts Lane East while work continues on the Yamba/ Harwood interchange.

To view this design change, including updated local access routes visit www.pacifichighway.nsw.gov.au.

How we manage our work

The project team will use machinery that generates noise, light and vibration. To manage this work we will:

- turn-off machinery when not in use
- direct temporary lighting down and away from homes
- plan activities to minimise noise from reversing vehicles
- locate equipment such as generators as far as possible from residences

All work will be carried out in line with the project’s Conditions of Approval and Construction Environmental Management Plan.

Work hours

Typically work will be carried out during the project’s approved construction hours, which are:

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In areas where residents live more than 200 metres from the work, extended work hours are allowed between 6am and 7am and 6pm and 7pm from Monday to Friday. No work will be carried out on Sunday or a public holiday.

Traffic changes

To manage queuing and safety, there will be some temporary traffic changes and lane closures that may affect travel times. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. Motorists are encouraged to remember PAC – Plan, Awareness, Caution. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW app.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience during this important work.
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