Temporary traffic changes between Maclean and Yamba interchange

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

During September, the project team will be installing bridge girders over Jubilee Street, Townsend and making temporary traffic changes on the Pacific Highway between Maclean and Yamba interchange, weather permitting.

Installing girders
While girders are being installed over Jubilee Street, traffic will need to be stopped in both directions multiple times for up to 15 minutes throughout the night between 7pm and 6am.

Motorists will be kept informed about dates for these lifts through electronic message signs on Jubilee Street. Emergency services and nearby residents will be consulted with directly about this work.

Temporary traffic change on Pacific Highway at Farlows Flat
Pacific Highway traffic will be temporarily moved onto a new section of road at Farlows Flat. This temporary traffic change will allow us to maintain capacity on the road network while we safely continue to build the upgrade.
How we manage our work
The project team will use machinery that generates noise, light and vibration. To manage this work, we will:

- direct temporary lighting down and away from homes
- locate equipment such as generators as far as possible from residences
- turn off machinery when not in use
- plan activities to minimise noise from reversing vehicles
- monitor noise so we can manage any potential impacts and adjust our work, as required

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.

Work outside of approved construction hours
To complete the temporary traffic change and install bridge girders, work is required outside approved construction hours. This work is planned between 6pm and 7am for up to three nights at a time in each location.

Building next to the existing highway and over local roads means traffic may be stopped or reduced to one lane while work is carried out. By working at night, delays are minimised and journey times for motorists are less affected.

Temporary traffic changes
During the girder installation work directly over Jubilee Street, traffic will be stopped in both directions, multiple times for up to 15 minutes throughout the night between 7pm and 6am.

Motorists will be kept informed about specific dates for these traffic changes and night work through electronic message signs on Jubilee Street and the Pacific Highway and livetraffic.com.au. Information will also be sent via SMS and email alerts. To register to receive ongoing updates which may assist you planning your journey please subscribe now.

To manage traffic queuing and safety, there will be a lane closure that may affect travel times. Please obey 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.