Traffic changes on the Pacific Highway, Farlows Flat

Transport for NSW, Pacific Complete and its contractor partners are working together to deliver the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade.

As part of building the upgrade, there will be traffic changes on the Pacific Highway at Farlows Flat from mid-March, weather permitting. This work will be carried out in two stages.

Stage one, will involve permanently moving southbound traffic onto about two kilometres of new carriageway (one lane only) between Farlows Flat and Yamba interchange. This traffic arrangement will be in place for about six weeks allowing us to maintain capacity on the road network while we safely continue to build the upgrade.

Stage two, will involve opening this section of the highway to dual carriageway in April, weather permitting.

Motorists will be kept informed about dates for these traffic changes through electronic message signs and on livetraffic.com.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.

Work outside of approved construction hours
To complete the traffic changes, work is required outside approved construction hours. This work will include asphaltting, line marking and barrier relocation and is planned between 6pm and 7am for up to ten nights between February and March, weather permitting.

Building next to, over and on existing 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.

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.