Iluka interchange opens to traffic

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

There will be a number of traffic changes on the Pacific Highway and local roads at Mororo, Woombah and Chatsworth Island during May and June. As part of these changes, the Iluka interchange will open to traffic.

At this time, access to the highway from Carrolls Lane, Chatsworth Island will temporarily close and the old Mororo bridge will reopen to traffic, weather permitting.

Accessing the highway

Once the interchange is open to traffic, motorists will access and exit the highway at a number of new locations improving safety and local connectivity.

Iluka interchange

The Iluka interchange will have on and off ramps in both directions. The interchange includes an overpass bridge and roundabouts on both sides of the highway connecting Iluka Road and Garretts Lane (east) and Garretts Lane (west), Lewis Lane and Banana Road.

The Pacific Highway will be dual carriageway (one lane only) for about one kilometre to allow full access to the interchange in both directions.

Carrolls Lane and Chatsworth Road north

The old Mororo bridge will reopen to local traffic in May 2020, weather permitting. The bridge will open with permanent vehicle-detected traffic lights at both ends. The bridge will allow for improved local access between Chatsworth Road north and the highway.

Once the bridge reopens, access to the highway at Carrolls Lane, Chatsworth Island will be temporarily closed for about eight weeks to allow construction on the future southbound carriageway to continue. Access to the highway will be via the old Mororo Bridge or Chatsworth Road south.

When this work is complete, Carrolls Lane will reopen in the permanent arrangement, as a left in left out intersection.

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

View the map to familiarise yourself with the new temporary and permanent access points.
Bus services

The project team has been working with Busways ahead of these traffic changes.

The bus stop north of the Old Mororo Bridge that was temporarily relocated to Woombah Woods Caravan Park will be reinstated to its original location near Lewis Lane.

The school bus stop at Banana Road will be relocated to Woombah Woods Caravan Park bus stop, Iluka Road.

The 386 service and school bus route will again access Chatsworth Road north via the old Mororo Bridge.

Passengers are advised to speak with their driver or Busways before the relocation.

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

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.

Work outside of approved construction hours

To complete the traffic changes, work is required outside approved construction hours. This work will include asphalting, line marking and barrier relocation and is planned between 6pm and 7am for up to five nights in May and June, 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.

Local access to the highway at Banana Road and Lewis Lane will change before the interchange opens to traffic. A temporary detour of about 900 metres, via the new Iluka Road overpass bridge, will be in place for about one week. Motorists should follow the directions of signage and traffic control.

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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