Temporary traffic changes on the Pacific Highway and local roads between New Italy and Woodburn

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 temporary traffic changes on the Pacific Highway and local roads between New Italy and Woodburn in April, weather permitting. At this time, traffic will be temporarily moved onto about six kilometres of the future northbound carriageway, one lane in each direction, and a number of local access points will change.
Motorists will be kept informed about date for this change through electronic message signs along the highway and local roads and livetrack.com.au.

Local access changes

As part of this work, there will be changes to access for local roads and properties including Whites, Red Gates, Turners and Nortons roads. Temporary signage will be in place to assist with wayfinding and residents affected by these changes will be contacted directly.

Whites Road

The intersection of Whites Road and the Pacific Highway will be relocated about 70 metres south. At this time, a new U-turn facility and bus stop will open. There will be no change to the movements available at this intersection.

Red Gates and Turners roads

A new temporary intersection and connection road about 70 metres north of Red Gates Road, will maintain access to Red Gates and Turners roads. There will be no direct left in access from the Pacific Highway at this intersection. Motorists travelling south on the Pacific Highway will need use the temporary local route, about 70 metres before the intersection, to access a connection road to Red Gates and Turners roads.

Nortons Road

A new temporary intersection about one kilometre north of Nortons Road, will maintain access to Nortons Road and properties to the east of the existing Pacific Highway. Local access between this temporary intersection and Nortons Road will be via the existing Pacific Highway (future southbound carriageway). A new bus stop will open near this intersection. The bus stop on the Pacific Highway opposite Nortons Road will close, while the U-turn facility will remain open.

At this time, work to build an alternative local access will start east of the existing Pacific Highway. Once complete, the project team will move local traffic onto this road and start building the future southbound carriageway in this area.

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
- locate equipment such as generators as far as possible from residences
- 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:

![Approved construction hours]

Monday to Friday 7am–6pm
Saturday 8am–5pm

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In areas where residents live more than 200 metres from the work, extended approved 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 changes, work is required outside approved construction hours. This work is planned between 6pm and 7am for up to 12 nights at various locations in March, weather permitting.

Building next to, over and on existing roads may require traffic to 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.

Directly affected residents will be notified 48 hours before any work outside approved construction hours.

**Traffic changes**

These temporary traffic changes will allow us to maintain capacity on the road network while we safely continue to build the upgrade.

To manage queuing and safety, there will be some temporary traffic changes and lane closures that may affect travel time. 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.