Traffic changes on the Pacific Highway and local roads at 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, local traffic will be moved onto the new overpass bridge and northbound off-ramp of the Woodburn interchange from mid-March, weather permitting. There will be changes to local access as part of this work. Motorists will be kept informed about dates for this traffic change through electronic message signs and on livetraffic.com.au.

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Changes to local access

As part of the traffic changes, the existing intersection of Tuckombil Road and the Pacific Highway near The Gap Road will close permanently. Access to and from the highway will be maintained via the intersection of Trustums Hill Road and the Pacific Highway, and the new overpass bridge of the Woodburn interchange. This change will affect motorists accessing:

- Tuckombil Road
- Sharpe Road
- The Gap Road
- Brickella Road
- Bundjalung National Park and Black Rocks Campground

This is a detour of about six kilometres for motorists travelling south from The Gap Road and Pacific Highway intersection.

Motorists travelling north on the Pacific Highway will be available to exit via the new northbound off-ramp.

Bus services will continue with no changes to existing bus stop locations.

Temporary increase in traffic volumes

These temporary traffic changes mean there will be increased traffic volumes on Trustums Hill Road until the Woodburn interchange is complete and fully open to traffic. We expect more than 400 additional vehicle movements per day at the intersection of Trustums Hill Road and the Pacific Highway. This includes up to 30 heavy vehicles.

To manage the increased traffic volumes:

- acceleration and deceleration lanes will be available for northbound and southbound traffic using the Trustums Hill Road and Pacific Highway intersection
- line marking on Trustums Hill Road will be upgraded and the road surface will be monitored and repaired, as required
- existing speed bumps on Tuckombil Road have been removed
- the speed limit on local roads will be reduced to 60 km/h and 40 km/h, as required

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**

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 on Sunday or a public holiday.

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Work outside of approved construction hours

To complete the traffic changes, work is required outside approved construction hours. This work is planned between 6pm and 7am for up to 14 nights in March, weather permitting.

This work will be at various locations with no more than two consecutive nights at one location. Night work will include activities like asphalting, line marking and safety barrier changes. Residents will be notified prior to any night work activities taking place in their area.

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.

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.