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Geotechnical investigations from Blackheath to Little Hartley continuing

Together, the Australian and NSW Governments are investing more than \$4.5 billion towards upgrading the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow.

The Katoomba to Lithgow duplication will provide major economic and safety benefits. It will improve the connection between Central West NSW and Sydney, reduce congestion, improve resilience and freight productivity, and provide a safer and more reliable journey for thousands of residents, commuters, tourists and freight operators who travel in, around and through the Blue Mountains.

Transport for NSW (Transport) has been carrying out geotechnical investigations to inform the design of the highway upgrade. These investigations will continue along the length of the corridor.

The work includes continuing geotechnical investigations from Blackheath to Little Hartley. Contractors for Transport will carry out this work on and near the Great Western Highway, including local roads and a small number of private properties. Transport will contact private property owners directly if we need to request access to your property. The approximate investigation area is included in a map attached.

The geotechnical investigations will involve the use of machinery which generates some noise, however, this work will be carried out during the day. Investigation works will be undertaken with investigation equipment including a geotechnical drilling rig and small excavator for minor digging. We will be working between **7am** and **5pm** from **Monday** to **Friday** and expect to complete the work by **Friday 23 December 2022**, weather permitting. We will let you know in advance if we need to do any work outside these times.

How will the work affect you?

Most of this work will have minimal impact on local residents. We will make every effort to minimise noise by turning off vehicles when not in use.

We will continue to keep you informed as planning on the project progresses.

Traffic changes

Traffic control may be in place where necessary for investigation work at Blackheath and Mount Victoria, with reduced speed limits of 40km/h and temporary lane closures.

Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions and follow the directions of signs and traffic control.

For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our project information line on 1800 953 777 or gwhd@transport.nsw.gov.au.

For more information on our projects, visit nswroads.work/gwhd

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

Geotechnical investigations, Blackheath to Mount Victoria



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