

Emergency work on Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria

Transport for NSW is undertaking slope stabilisation work on Great Western Highway between Fairy Bower Road and Victoria Falls Road in Mount Victoria.

A single lane closure was put in place on the Great Western Highway at Fairy Bower Road near Mount Victoria due to slope instability on Friday 4 March 2022. This closure was put in place following an inspection where cracking was identified next to the guard rail on the Great Western Highway.

This cracking on the road caused concern about a possible slope failure at the site. We have been working around the clock to complete the work to help reduce the duration and limit our impact on local communities and businesses.

Our delivery partner Ventia have been on site to carry out geotechnical assessments, install monitoring devices, conduct make safe repairs to the road and prepare the site for the emergency work happening now.

Over the weekend an access track was built to allow heavy plant and machinery to access the slope. From Sunday 13 March, we began work installing drains within the slope. These drains will help ensure water levels within the slope do not build up and create unstable underground conditions.

Once these drains are installed, we will also be replacing the damaged guard rail and resurfacing the eastbound lane of the Great Western Highway. Future work will also consider other measures we can put in place to stabilise the slope.

Due to the evolving nature of the situation, we do not have an estimate on how long it will be before we can remove the single lane closure on the Great Western Highway.

We are aware of the impact this closure is having on road users in the Blue Mountains, which is why we are working 24/7 and aiming to complete the work as soon as we can.

Traffic changes

There are temporary traffic changes in place to ensure the work zone is safe.

Single lane closures and a reduced speed limit of 40km/h remain in place. Traffic control is set up in the safest spot for road users. The location we have picked is the straightest section of road providing the best visibility of potential oncoming traffic. We appreciate the patience of nearby residents while we complete this work.

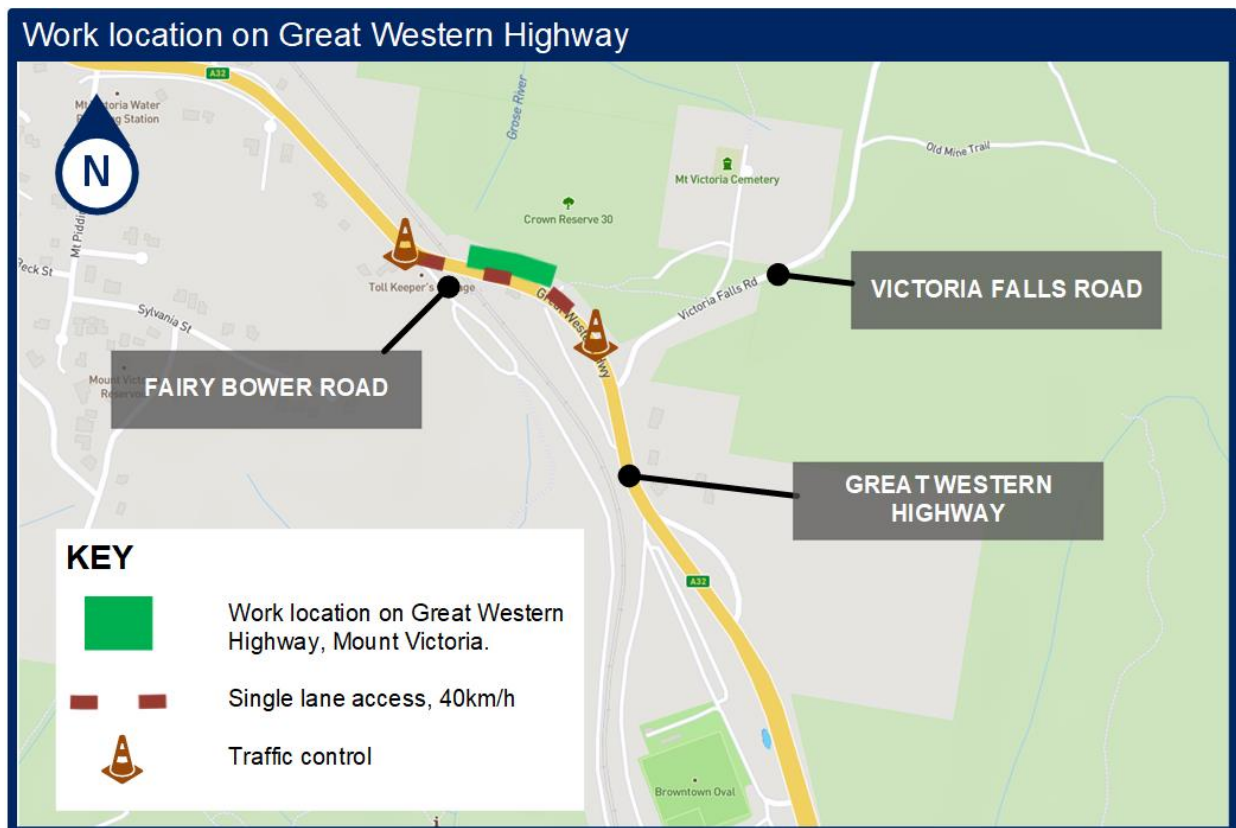
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What are the next steps?

We are currently investigating measures we can put in place so that further work should not be required at this location. Future upgrades may include improving surface drains and slope stabilisation measures.

Thank you for your patience

Transport and Ventia are working hand in hand to identify issues on the state road network and fix them as quickly as we can. We sincerely appreciate the support and patience from the local community.



Contact us

If you have any questions, please contact Transport for NSW on 1800 953 777 or email gwhd@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Transport thanks motorists for their patience during this time. Plan your trip and for the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the [Live Traffic NSW](#) App.