

Start of work on John Renshaw Drive, Buchanan from Monday 15 March

The NSW Government is providing funding for safety improvements along a 10 kilometre section of the road between the M1 Pacific Motorway and the Hunter Expressway.

The first stage of road upgrades and safety improvements along John Renshaw Drive between the M1 Pacific Motorway and Lings Road has been completed.

Transport has engaged Cessnock City Council to start work on the remaining section, from Lings Road to the Hunter Expressway, which includes:

- Widening and resurfacing sections of the road
- Widening and repairing drainage infrastructure, including widening a large culvert at Buttai Creek
- Installing a wide painted centre line
- Installing audio-tactile line marking along the edge lines and wide centre lines.

Audio tactile line marking (ATLM)

ATLM, sometimes called 'rumble strips', are small raised bumps typically placed along the edges of roads and in the centre of roads to alert a driver when they are drifting out of their lane. ATLM generates a distinct sound and vibration when a vehicle tyre comes into contact with it.

ATLM is intended to allow drivers the opportunity to correct their path and reduce the risk of crashes due to driver inattention (such as fatigue).

Wide centre line

The introduction of a wide centre line will improve safety by providing greater distance for drivers to recover if crossing into the opposing traffic lane.

A wide centre line, when combined with rumble strips, can reduce fatalities and injuries caused by head-on crashes by up to 65 per cent.

Our work schedule

We will construction work on **Monday 15 March 2021**. We will be working between **7pm** and **5am** from **Sunday** to **Thursday**. Some work will also be carried out occasionally during the day from **7am** and **5pm** from **Monday** to **Friday**. We expect to complete the work in **12 months**, weather permitting.

How will the work affect you?

The work will involve the use of machinery which generates some noise. We will make every effort to minimise noise by arranging the work in stages at different locations, completing noisier activities earlier in the night and turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use.

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe.

Lane closures and a 40km/h speed limit will be in place during work hours and may affect travel times. A temporary 60km/h speed limit will be in place outside work hours for the duration of the project.

Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. 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 about the project, please contact our Project Manager, Viet Nguyen on 02 4908 7724 or Viet.Nguyen2@transport.nsw.gov.au. If you have questions relating to construction activities, please contact Cessnock City Council's Project Manager Kevin Massey on 02 4993 4305.

For more information on our projects, visit roads-maritime.transport.nsw.gov.au

Thank you for your patience during this important work.



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