

New England Highway upgrade between Belford and the Golden Highway

Project update – March 2022

The NSW Government is investing \$97 million for the upgrade to improve traffic flow, travel times and safety for motorists.

Transport for NSW has engaged ACCIONA Constructions Australia to deliver the upgrade.

Work currently underway

Work is progressing well with import and placement of fill material continuing, as well as rock hammering for the on-site cuts.

Work has recently started on the future roundabout on the Golden Highway which will connect to a left turn lane for motorists travelling towards Singleton, as well as providing access for adjoining properties.

Recently completed works

We've recently completed rock cutting work at one of the cut sites, as well as installing concrete drainage culverts at two fill sections.



Construction at Golden Highway intersection

Upcoming work

Construction activities planned in the next two months include:

- Continuing work on the roundabout
- Starting construction of left-turn lane to Singleton
- Ongoing drainage works and earthworks
- Ongoing bridge construction
- Asphalt works on New England Highway



Aerial image of work progress



Fill placement and topsoiling

Work hours

Our standard construction hours are from Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm and on Saturdays from 8am to 1pm.

To minimise impacts to motorists, some work is being carried out at night. Our night work activities will include line marking, asphalt works, installation/removal of concrete barriers and installation of drainage lines under the existing highway.

We will be carrying out this work between **early March** and **mid-April**. We will be working between **6pm to 7am** on weeknights, weather permitting.

Due to previous weather delays, we will be working until 7pm on weekdays and some Saturdays until the end of daylight savings on 3 April 2022. This is not predicted to have any noise impacts on the local community.



Concrete pour of culvert roof

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.

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. Motorists should allow up to 5 minutes extra travel time during this work.

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.

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