

New England Highway upgrade between Belford and the Golden Highway

Project Update - November 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 onsite continues to progress well. Concreting work on the bridge decks continues and safety barrier installation started in October.

Work is underway on the access road for nearby properties on the Golden Highway and the new left turn lane for motorists travelling towards Singleton that will connect to a future roundabout on the Golden Highway.

Work on the new eastbound carriageway continues with drainage and pavement work underway. This work will continue to progress over coming months ahead of motorists being moved onto the new eastbound lanes in early 2023, weather permitting.

Our work area will then shift to the existing road which will form the new westbound carriageway.

Recently completed works

In mid-July, crews installed 12 concrete bridge beams that will form the flyover bridge.

This included eight beams on either side of the highway measuring 19 metres long and weighing 40 tonnes each, and four beams spanning the highway measuring 33 metres long and weighing 65 tonnes each.

We've also recently completed all rock cutting work at the four cut sites for the new eastbound lanes.



Aerial shot of the flyover bridge under construction



New eastbound lanes on the New England Highway under construction

Upcoming work

Construction activities planned in the next two months include:

- work on the roundabout, left-turn lane to Singleton and access road for nearby properties
- drainage work and earthwork
- bridge construction
- road pavement and asphalt work.

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 will be carried out at night in November. We will notify the community before this takes place.

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.

Temporary lane closures and a reduced speed limit will be in place during work hours and may affect travel times. Motorists should allow up to five 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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