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Start of work - Pacific Highway interchange upgrade, Cundletown from Monday 14 February

The Australian and NSW Governments are funding this \$9.4 million project through the Road Safety program to improve safety and access at the Cundletown interchange.

Transport for NSW will be carrying out the work, which includes:

- Lengthening the deceleration and acceleration lanes to allow safe exit from and entry to the highway:
 - Northbound deceleration lane (off ramp) will be extended by 150 metres
 - Northbound acceleration lane (on ramp) will be extended by 400 metres
 - Southbound deceleration lane (off ramp) will be extended by 50 metres
- Improving the curve of the on and off ramps and adjusting the shape of the roundabout on the eastern side of the interchange to accommodate larger freight vehicles
- Permanently closing the right turn into Oxley Bend Road (southern intersection). This is required due to the interaction with the extended northbound acceleration lane (on ramp). This will be implemented later in the project and we will notify residents before this occurs.
- Building a U-turn facility about 600 metres north of the Oxley Bend Road (southern entry)
- Building a deceleration lane for southbound motorists turning left into Oxley Bend Road (southern entry)
- Adjusting street lighting and utilities
- Drainage, signage and line marking works.

For a copy of the project design, visit nswroads.work/pacific.

The upgrade of the Cundletown interchange supports the development of the Northern Gateway Transport Hub on Princes Street, being developed and delivered by MidCoast Council.

Our work schedule

From **Monday 7 February**, we will be setting up a temporary site compound to store plant and materials. This will be located on the corner of Oxley Bend Road and Ferry Lane.

Work will start on **Monday 14 February** and be carried out between **7am** and **6pm** from **Mondays** to **Fridays** and between **8am** and **5pm** on **Saturdays**. To minimise impacts to motorists, some work activities will occasionally be carried out at night between **7pm** and **5am** from **Sundays** to **Thursdays**. The project is expected to take **12 months** to complete, 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 for nearby residents by completing noisier activities earlier in the night and turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use.

During all stages of construction, access to businesses and other private property would be maintained. Pedestrian and cyclist routes will be managed daily according to construction activities.

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe. Lane closures, a reduced speed limit of 40km/h and traffic control will be in place which may affect travel times.

To improve work site safety, the northbound on and off ramps may be temporarily closed at different stages during construction with traffic directed to use temporary U-turn on the highway located 600 metres north and south of the interchange to travel to and from Cundletown.

This would result in motorists having to travel additional distances during the ramp closures:

- Northbound off ramp closure – about 2.7 kilometres
- Northbound on ramp closure – about 1.5 kilometres

Electronic message signs will notify motorists when ramp closures are planned and will provide direction to motorists.

The Ghinni Ghinni resurfacing project is also continuing on the highway just to the north of the Cundletown interchange project. At different stages, the traffic control from the Cundletown interchange project will extend north and join with the resurfacing project. The two project teams will be working in close collaboration to provide a safe connection between the two project areas and to minimise delays where possible.

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, please contact our Project Delivery Manager, Luke Bray on 0499 420 459 or luke.bray@transport.nsw.gov.au.

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