

# **Bells Line of Road**

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

## What is the current situation on Bells Line of Road at Mt Tomah?

On Friday 26 November during a routine inspection after recent rainfall, Transport for NSW identified a new crack in the pavement of Bells Line of Road at Mt Tomah. The road was immediately reduced to a single lane as a precautionary measure until further investigations could be carried out.

Crack sealing was carried out on that Friday evening and the road will be monitored daily for a minimum of three weeks to determine if further works are necessary.

#### Is this related to the flood event in March?

No, this recent cracking is a separate event, however it has also been caused by significant and prolonged wet weather.

Following the flood event in March 2021, Transport for NSW carried out geotechnical investigations in the area and will continue to monitor slope movement closely. To date, minimal movement has been recorded in the original locations of slope destabilisation.

#### Who is responsible for maintenance in this area?

Our delivery partner Ventia is responsible for maintenance and asset management in this area.

#### What work is being carried out from Wednesday 8 December?

Following initial crack sealing, we will be stabilising the slope with the installation of rock bolting along the work location and resurfacing sections of the road.

We will be working between 7am and 5pm, Monday to Sunday and aim to complete the work in 12 days by Sunday 19 December 2021, weather permitting. By working 7 days per week, we can limit our impact to motorists with a goal to open the road before the Christmas holiday period.

#### What are the impacts to traffic?

There are currently temporary traffic changes in place to ensure the work zone is safe. From Wednesday 8 December, you will notice an increase in our workers and traffic control.

Single lane closures and a reduced speed limit of 40km/h will be in place and may affect travel times. Traffic control will be in place to guide motorists through while heavy machinery is in use. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs.

## Are there restrictions on heavy vehicles during work hours?

No, the road will be open to all motorists, including freight.

#### What are the next steps following this repair work?

Geotechnical monitoring devices have been installed which measure moisture and movement in the slopes and will inform future repair work. Because the situation is complex and evolving, Transport will continue to monitor slope movement closely.

#### How can I find out more information?

For questions about the long term plan for Bells Line of Road please contact the Western Projects team or visit our project website:

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#### For questions about the upcoming December maintenance work

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