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## Feedback summary released for Wallaga Lake Bridge

Feedback received during community consultation carried out to help plan for essential maintenance work on Wallaga Lake Bridge has been published online.

Transport for NSW Acting Regional Director South, Brendon James, said the Community Consultation Summary Report outlines comments and concerns heard by Transport for NSW.

“The report incorporates feedback from those who will be impacted by the work, including people who live, work and travel to the area regularly,” Mr James said.

“Seventy-two per cent of the 500 written responses received were from residents who live closest to the bridge in Wallaga Lake and Akolele, with the remaining from those in Narooma, Cobargo, Cuttagee, Bermagui.”

Mr James said while the report shows that 80 per cent of respondents preferred proposed Option 2, which had a smaller window for the full closure of the bridge, it was clear neither option met the needs of the community.

“We are committed to getting this right and balancing the community needs with the need to carry out the essential maintenance work on Wallaga Lake Bridge,” Mr James said.

“Based on the feedback received we are working on a new approach to the maintenance that will consider what is important to the community, including the impacts on local business, people travelling for work, local events and children travelling to and from school.

“Work on Wallaga Lake Bridge will now start next year, to keep the bridge open for peak holiday season and allow Transport for NSW time to plan how best to deliver this project taking into consideration the key areas of interest, concern and impacts the work will have on the community.”

Mr James said, as part of this next stage of planning for the bridge repairs, crews will carry out further geotechnical investigations next week.

“While there will be some changed traffic conditions as tests are done at the bridge approaches, any delays will be minimal,” Mr James said.

Work will take place between 7am and 5pm weekdays, and from 8am to 4pm on Saturday, between Monday 18 September and Saturday 23 September 2023, weather permitting.

Single lane closures, stop/slow traffic conditions and a reduced speed of 40 km/h will be in place during work times for the safety of workers and road users.

Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions, allow an additional five minutes of travel time, and follow the directions of signs and traffic control.

Transport for NSW thanks the community for providing feedback and for its patience as a new plan is developed.

Transport for NSW will keep the community updated and provide information on the new approach as it is available.

The [Consultation Summary Report](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/wallaga-lake-bridge) is available on the project page [transport.nsw.gov.au/wallaga-lake-bridge](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/wallaga-lake-bridge).