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Next stage of repair work planned for Mount Ousley

Work to repair damage on the M1 Princes Motorway at Mount Ousley caused by last year's record-breaking rainfall is progressing well with the next stage to start this month.

Transport for NSW Regional Director South Sam Knight said motorists will benefit from this latest work, which will also restore full operations on Mount Ousley Road.

"These repairs have required detailed planning to ensure the highest levels of safety for workers and motorists throughout," Ms Knight said.

"Repairs to the road surface had to wait until work was completed on the installation of 12 pipes under the road, which will improve groundwater drainage and make the road more resilient to future extreme weather events."

Ms Knight said during the July 2022 rainfall events, landslip movement on Mount Ousley created damage to the southbound road shoulder.

"We initially implemented emergency road closures so crews could safely assess the damage and complete urgent repairs. This allowed us to minimise the long-term impact to motorists by only closing a 200-metre section of the far-left southbound shoulder lane," Ms Knight said.

"Crews have since been able to complete stage one of the repairs, which were carried out off the road and with minimal impact to motorists."

Ms Knight said the next stage of work will involve reconstructing the damaged road pavement.

"A risk assessment has identified the need to complete the work under multiple full southbound closures of the M1 Mount Ousley Road," Ms Knight said.

"This is the safest approach for motorists and workers and will also allow more freedom of movement for the large number of construction vehicles required.

"To minimise impacts to motorists, the work will occur on five consecutive Sunday nights when general traffic volumes are lower. The work program will also incorporate two existing planned maintenance closures of Mount Ousley."

Detours will be in place via Princes Highway Bulli Pass, however heavy vehicles over 19 metres long will not be able to access Bulli Pass and are advised to delay their journey.

Transport for NSW continues to work closely with freight operators around this essential repair work.

Various closures, including M1 Princes Motorway and Picton Road, will be required while this work is carried out. For more information, go to nswroads.work/mor_repairs.