



Work on Maitland Road at Hexham in September 2023

The Australian and NSW governments are investing in the upgrade of the section of Maitland Road known as Hexham Straight, between Newcastle Inner City Bypass and Hexham Bridge, to improve safety and traffic flow for the 50,000 motorists who use this road every day.

Transport for NSW has formed an Alliance with Georgiou, Daracon and SMEC to design and build the project. The Alliance started work on the widening in July 2023.

What’s happening?

Work on the project will continue in September, including clearing, line marking, installation of barriers and signage, construction of earthworks, new pavements, and site accesses, as well as geotechnical and site investigations.

We will be working during normal construction hours between **7am and 6pm Monday to Friday and Saturday between 8am and 1pm**. Where work is required on or next to the existing road, we will be working at night between **7pm and 5am Monday to Friday**.

Day work scheduled for September is outlined in the table below:

Day work activity	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting up and maintaining environmental controls, and erosion/sediment controls Installation of temporary fencing, including site boundary flagging Clearing and grubbing works Establishing temporary working platforms for the new Ironbark Creek bridge, including a creek diversion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of equipment and materials Construction of accesses and parking areas Utility, geotechnical investigations and survey Installing safety barriers, traffic and project signage Earthworks and pavement widening works Maintenance and repair works to existing infrastructure where needed

The following activities are required outside of daytime project hours for the safety of workers and road users, and to minimise traffic delays to the network.

Night work activity		
Location	Activity	Equipment
Newcastle Inner City Bypass to the Oak Precinct	Geotechnical investigations and utility investigations	Lighting towers, excavator, light vehicles, utilities investigation equipment, traffic control
Newcastle Inner City Bypass to the Oak Precinct	Installing safety barriers and traffic control devices	Excavator and semi-trailer with crane, rubber-tyre excavator, concrete barriers, end terminals, lighting towers, light vehicles, traffic control
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Newcastle Inner City Bypass to the Oak Precinct	Line marking and line marking removal	Bobcat line remover, line marking vehicle, street sweeper, lighting tower, traffic control, light vehicles
Newcastle Inner City Bypass to the Oak Precinct	Clearing vegetation	Chainsaws, excavator, trucks, lighting towers, light vehicles, traffic control
Newcastle Inner City Bypass to the Oak Precinct	Construction of earthworks, new pavements and site accesses	Excavator, rubber-tyre excavator, compaction equipment, trucks lighting towers, light vehicles, traffic control
Newcastle Inner City Bypass to the Oak Precinct	Asset maintenance along the entire alignment	Tree trimming, grass cutting, pothole repairs, drainage cleaning, signage maintenance
Newcastle Inner City Bypass to the Oak Precinct	Delivery of plant and materials	Trucks and hiab cranes

How will the work affect you?

At times we will use machinery and equipment that generates noise and vibration. We will make every effort to minimise these impacts by:

- turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use
- using non-tonal reversing alarms
- positioning of machines away from nearby residents
- directing temporary lighting down and away from homes
- working behind concrete safety barriers during standard construction hours and scheduling noisy activities earlier in the night, where possible
- monitoring noise so we can manage any potential impacts and adjust our work, where possible.

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe. A 60 km/h reduced speed limit will be in place throughout the work zone for the safety of motorists and workers. Lane closures, a 40 km/hr speed limit and traffic control will be in place outside of traffic peaks and may affect travel times.

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 or would like more information, please contact the Project team on 1800 515 141 or email hexhamstraight@transport.nsw.gov.au

Thank you for your patience during this important work.



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