

Acknowledgement of Country

Transport for NSW acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we work and live.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal people and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of NSW.

Many of the transport routes we use today – from rail lines, to roads, to water crossings – follow the traditional Songlines, trade routes and ceremonial paths in Country that our nation's First Peoples followed for tens of thousands of years.

Transport for NSW is committed to honouring Aboriginal peoples' cultural and spiritual connections to the lands, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.

1. Why is Transport for NSW carrying out maintenance work on Old Northern Road, Wisemans Ferry Road and Cattai Road?

Transport for NSW is working to repair natural disaster damage on state roads across NSW caused by record breaking rainfall across the state during 2022.

As part of the NSW Government natural disaster recovery response, Transport for NSW has identified Old Northern Road, Wisemans Ferry Road and Cattai Road as three state maintained roads requiring natural disaster repairs.

In 2022, investigation work was carried out on Old Northern Road, Wisemans Ferry Road and Cattai Road to better understand the extent of the damage caused by wet weather events experienced across Sydney that year. Detailed investigations involved using artificial intelligence software, ground penetrating radar and drilling into the road surface to collect samples to assist with short and long term planning and design repairs.

In response to initial findings and to address critical issues in the short term, road patching maintenance was carried out in late 2022 on all three roads.

At the same time, Transport for NSW also focused on designing a long-term solution. This work has now been completed and long term road repairs will commence in January 2024.

All work is expected to be completed within approximately six months, weather permitting.

2. What work will be carried out?

The work will primarily involve replacing sections of asphalt and repainting road markings along 25 sections of road along Old Northern Road, Wisemans Ferry Road and Cattai Road. A map of this work can be seen on page 3 of this document.

All work is expected to be completed in approximately 83 shifts with two crews working concurrently so that

we can get the work done as quickly as possible for the community.

We will keep the community updated as work progresses over the coming months.

3. How will the work benefit the community?

Transport for NSW acknowledges community feedback received to date on the current condition of sections of Old Northern Road, Wisemans Ferry Road and Cattai Road due to natural disaster damage from 2022 wet weather events.

All critical issues have been addressed, in the short term, by road patching work carried out in late 2022 while we focused on designing the long term solution.

The work will benefit the community as it will:

- provide a smoother road surface
- prevent, or minimise, further damage to the road from weather and wear and tear
- improve road safety
- provide consistent driving conditions
- reduce further maintenance costs.

We thank the community for their patience while we planned for this long term program of work.

4. When will the work start?

We had planned to start work on Monday 15 January, however due to wet weather, work will commence on Tuesday 30 January 2024 and take approximately six months to complete.

To complete the work as quickly as possible, and to minimise community impacts, we will work up to five nights a week between **Sunday to Thursday, 8pm and 5am**.

We will not work on Friday or Saturday nights, or on public holidays.

5. When will the work be completed?

The work will take approximately six months to complete, weather permitting.

6. How will the work impact motorists?

Temporary traffic changes will be required to make sure the work zone is safe for our workers, motorists and pedestrians.

Some of the work can be completed under lane closures, stop/slow traffic control and reduced speed limits. These work locations are highlighted in red on the map below and will be carried out between January and February 2024.

The remaining work will be completed under road closures from February 2024, with detours in place for motorists. These work locations are highlighted in purple on the map below.

To minimise traffic impacts the work will be carried out during night shifts, for up to five nights a week between **Sunday to Thursday, 8pm and 5am**.

Notification of all road closures will be displayed on Variable Message Signage (VMS) boards at least five days before any traffic changes come into effect.

Traffic detour information will also be made available to the community via letterbox notifications closer to the start of work dates that require road closures. We will also update the project webpage with confirmed road closures as they become known.

If you would like to receive project updates and planned road closure updates by email, please contact our delivery partner, Fulton Hogan via 1800 568 981 or info.river@fultonhogan.com.au and request to be added to the project's email distribution list.

Location of work areas and detours – Old Northern Road, Cattai Road and Wisemans Ferry Road



7. Why does the work require road closures?

To ensure the safety of our workers, motorists and pedestrians, some of the work will require road closures, as highlighted on the map above.

Road closures will occur where winding road conditions and lack of road shoulders along sections of Old Northern Road, Wisemans Ferry Road and Cattai Road do not allow the road to safely remain open while we work.

Where possible, we have identified locations where we do not need to close roads and can maintain access under lane closures and stop/slow traffic arrangements. The locations where road closures and stop/slow traffic arrangements will be used can be seen on the map above.

To minimise traffic impacts the work will be carried out during night shifts, for up to five nights a week between **Sunday to Thursday, 8pm and 5am**.

Notification of all road closures will be displayed on Variable Message Signage (VMS) boards at least five days before any traffic changes come into effect.

We understand that closing roads and detouring motorists will be inconvenient and thank the community for their patience and understanding while we complete this work.

Access to properties within work areas will be maintained under the direction of traffic controllers. Residents may experience some minor delays while we arrange their safe travel through the work area.

If you have any concerns about accessing your property during our works please contact our delivery partner, Fulton Hogan, via 1800 568 981 or info.river@fultonhogan.com.au for further information and advice.

8. How can I get more information about traffic changes?

The community will be provided with project updates as the work progresses. We will also update the project webpage as new information becomes available, including confirmed traffic detour details.

Community members can also subscribe to project updates by email. Please contact our delivery partner, Fulton Hogan via 1800 568 981 or info.river@fultonhogan.com.au and request to be added to the project's email distribution list.

Notification of all road closures will also be displayed on Variable Message Signage (VMS) boards at least five days before any traffic changes are introduced. Temporary VMS boards will be installed along detour routes and permanent VMS boards will be used on key arterial roads in the region encouraging road users to avoid road closure areas during our work hours.

Reduced speed limits and traffic control will also be in place to manage traffic. Motorists are asked to please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs.

To better plan your trip while road closures are in place please visit transportnsw.info.

For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

9. Will there be any bus impacts?

There will be bus route changes while we complete work that requires road closures. Further information on bus impacts will be advised in community updates.

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10. When will detours be in place?

Traffic detour information will be made available to the community via letterbox notifications closer to the start of work dates. We will also update the project webpage with confirmed road closures as they become known.

Notification of all road closures will also be displayed on Variable Message Signage (VMS) boards at least five days before any traffic changes are introduced.

If you would like to receive email alerts of confirmed road closures as they become known, please contact our delivery partner, Fulton Hogan via 1800 568 981 or info.river@fultonhogan.com.au and request to be added to the project's email distribution list.

11. Will there be any pedestrian impacts?

There may be some pedestrian impacts, however this impact is expected to be low due to the distances between the work areas and nearby properties.

Further information on pedestrian impacts will be advised in community updates.

12. How will the work impact residents?

The impact to residential areas is expected to be low due to the distances between the work areas and nearby properties.

To minimise community impacts we will carry out the work during night shifts, for up to five nights a week between **Sunday to Thursday, 8pm and 5am**.

The work may be noisy at times, but we will do everything we can to minimise our impacts, including:

- turning off equipment and vehicles when they are not in use
- finishing the noisier tasks by midnight
- working progressively along the road to avoid impacting the same area each night.

There will be minor impacts to driveways as we resurface past driveways. Residents may have to wait up to 30 minutes before entering or exiting their driveway while the asphalt cools. Traffic control will be on site to assist residents.

We encourage residents to contact our delivery partner, Fulton Hogan via 1800 568 981 or info.river@fultonhogan.com.au to better understand how our work will impact them and how they can be supported.

13. How can I access my property if I live within the work zone?

If your property is within our work zone and closure points, access will be maintained with minor delays.

The delay will be for our traffic controllers to call ahead to our construction team to check it is safe for you to continue past the closure points to your property.

Please advise your address to our traffic controllers or, alternatively, plan your trip ahead and get in touch with our delivery partner, Fulton Hogan, via 1800 568 981 or info.river@fultonhogan.com.au to discuss access arrangements.

14. Can I get more regular updates?

Project information, such as confirmed road closures and community updates, will be published on the project webpage as soon as it becomes available.

If you would like to receive project updates via email please contact our delivery partner, Fulton Hogan via 1800 568 981 or info.river@fultonhogan.com.au and request to be added to the project's email distribution list.

You can also visit <https://transportnsw.info> to better plan your trips while we are carrying out work over the coming months.

15. How can I provide feedback?

If you have any questions, or concerns, about the planned works please contact our delivery partner, Fulton Hogan via 1800 568 981 or info.river@fultonhogan.com.au.

For further information

To access the most up to date project information, or to request project updates via email, please click the QR code to the right or contact our delivery partner, Fulton Hogan via 1800 568 981 or info.river@fultonhogan.com.au.

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