Installing rumble strips on Mid-Western Highway from Monday 15 April

Saving Lives Accelerated Package

April 2024

Transport for NSW acknowledges the Wiradjuri people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

The NSW Government has committed $46 million over the next three years to install rumble strips and enhance line markings on key regional routes.

What work are we doing?

Transport for NSW is installing rumble strips (also known as Audio Tactile Line Marking or ATLM) on the centre and edge lines on the Mid-Western Highway between Bathurst and Cowra from 15 April 2024.

This important work will be carried out along sections of the Highway aims to improve safety and reduce the risk of head-on and run-off-road crashes.

When we'll be working

We will be working between Bathurst and Cowra between **7am** and **6pm, seven days a week.**

We expect to complete the work by **early June 2024**, weather permitting.

We will let you know in advance if we need to do any work outside these times.

What do you need to know about this work?

Installing rumble strips involves placing small, raised bumps along the edge of roads and/or the centreline.

This safety treatment helps to reduce head-on and run-off-road crashes by creating a noise and vibration that warns drivers that their vehicle is leaving the lane, veering into oncoming traffic or off the edge of the road. This gives motorists the opportunity to correct their path.

The rumble strips will be installed outside of the existing line marking, so will only produce sound and vibration if a vehicle has already left the travel lane.

Rumble strips can help reduce the risk of a driver leaving the travel lane due to fatigue, as well as during low visibility such as at night or in bad weather.

This is a highly effective road safety treatment, known to reduce crashes by 15 to 25 per cent.

This treatment is one of several ways we are working Towards Zero deaths and serious injuries on NSW roads.

Traffic control and mobile roadworks

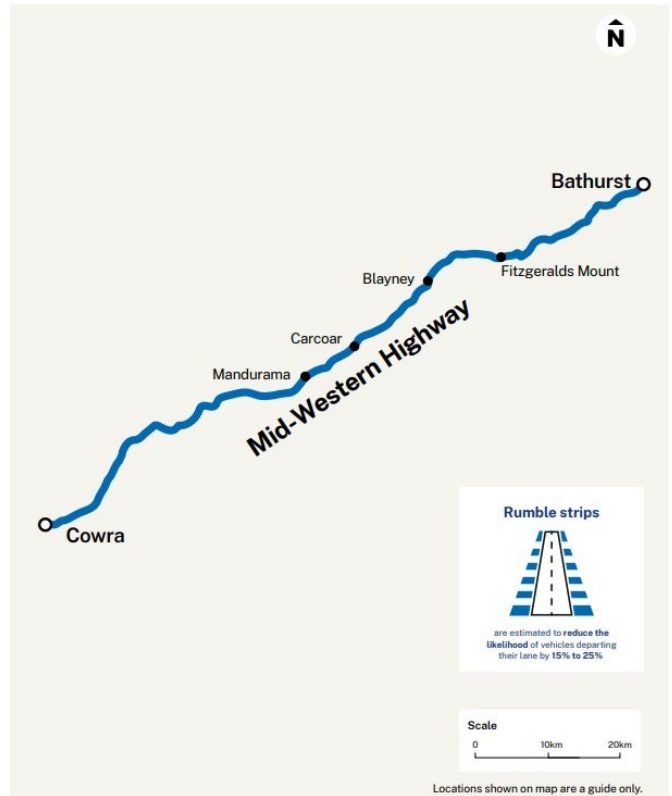Traffic will be managed 'on-the-go' during these works, meaning a work convoy is used.

During mobile roadworks, there are risks associated with passing the convoy early or without obeying the signs and instructions of traffic management.

These include driving over wet paint, the possibility of head-on collisions, or severe or fatal injury to yourself or a roadworker.

When encountering the convoy, we kindly ask you to help us keep you, other road users and our crews safe, by following these measures:

- **Wait behind the convoy** until it's safe to pass.
- **Follow the convoy's instructions, directions, and signage,** as it monitors the queue length and guides you to pass only when it is safe to do so.

Mid-Western Highway rumble strip installation

Locations shown on map are a guide only.

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work area is safe.

Work convoys, single lane closures and reduced speed limits will be in place during work hours and may affect travel times. Please allow up to five minutes extra travel time while work is underway.

Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic control and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call **132 701**, visit **livetraffic.com** or download the **Live Traffic NSW App**.

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