



Mount Ousley interchange

Freight industry update

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

Transport for NSW is building a new interchange on the M1 Princes Motorway at the base of Mount Ousley. You are invited to attend a freight industry briefing to learn more about the project and plans for its construction.

Project background

Freight moves in and out of the Illawarra region through two key movement corridors, the M1 Princes Motorway and Picton Road.

The new Mount Ousley interchange will replace the existing intersection of the M1 Princes Motorway and Mount Ousley Road, improving connectivity, safety and efficiency for those travelling through the gateway to Wollongong.

The contract to design and build the \$390 million Mount Ousley interchange has been awarded to Fulton Hogan.

What is being built?

The project will improve safety for road users by separating light and heavy vehicles, improve travel time and efficiency for all motorists, support growing freight movements, and improve access to and from the M1 Princes Motorway and Wollongong CBD.

Key features of the project include:

- A heavy vehicle bypass lane for southbound travel, separating light and heavy vehicles
- Separate off ramps for southbound light and heavy vehicles exiting the M1 Princes Motorway
- Two heavy vehicle safety ramps
- A bridge over the M1 Princes Motorway with signalised intersections connecting the M1 Princes Motorway, Mount Ousley Road and the new access road to the University of Wollongong
- A commuter car park

- A roundabout that provides access to the M1 Princes Motorway and the University access road
- A shared path along the bridge over the M1 Princes Motorway and the University access road
- A southbound access road between Mount Ousley Road and University Avenue
- A pedestrian and cyclist bridge over the southbound access road
- A shared path connecting to the existing path from Helen Street, and upgrades to the shared path adjacent to TAFE NSW Wollongong
- Upgrade and extension of the existing pedestrian bridge over the M1 Princes Motorway at Northfields Avenue
- Five metre high noise walls along the northern side of the motorway and the southern side of Dumfries Avenue; and along the southern side of the motorway and northern side of Falder Place
- Three and a half metre high noise walls along the southern side of Mount Ousley Road, between Gowan Brae Avenue and the cul-de-sac at the western end.

For more information, visit the project website transport.nsw.gov.au/MountOusley.

What's happening now?

Early work is under way including survey, vegetation removal, pavement and geotechnical investigations to inform the project's detailed design.

In addition to day work, night work is also being carried out. Current traffic impacts during our work include speed reductions and temporary lane and shoulder closures on the M1 Princes Motorway and Mount Ousley Road.

Traffic changes during construction

Construction activities will be staged to minimise impacts on road users and residents, however there will be some temporary impacts during construction to allow us to safely carry out work.

- Two lanes of traffic will be kept open in both directions on the M1 Princes Motorway during the day. Reduced speed limits may be in place.
- Night work will be carried out when required and will include reduced speed limits, lane and shoulder closures of the M1 Princes Motorway and on and off ramps south of Mount Ousley Road.
- At times, full closures of the M1 Princes Motorway and Mount Ousley Road at the intersection with the M1 Princes Motorway will also be required, including:
 - Planned night maintenance closures of the M1 Princes Motorway, Mount Ousley Road and Picton Road between the M1 and Almond Street at Wilton.
 - Single night closures of the M1 Princes Motorway and Mount Ousley Road. Where possible, planned maintenance closures will be used to minimise total overall closures.
 - Multiple night closures of the M1 Princes Motorway, Mount Ousley Road and Picton Road. These closures will involve periods of consecutive full night closures.
- The commuter carpark on Mount Ousley Road is expected to be closed during construction. The new relocated carpark will be opened when construction is complete. Dates will be advised in advance of closures.
- The right turn from Mount Ousley Road onto the motorway (northbound) will be closed at times to allow us to safely carry out work in this area. When closed, temporary detours will be in place and detours will be clearly signposted.

Detours during full closures of the M1 Princes Motorway, Mount Ousley Road and Picton Road at night

During full closures of the M1 Princes Motorway, Mount Ousley Road at the intersection with the M1 and Picton Road, detours will be in place.

- Light and heavy vehicles less than 19m travelling between Wollongong and Bulli Tops can detour via Memorial Drive and Bulli Pass.
- Heavy vehicles over 19 metres long will not be able to access Bulli Pass and are advised to delay their journey.

- Road users travelling between Wollongong and the Hume Motorway can detour via Memorial Drive, Bulli Pass, Appin Road, or the Illawarra Highway (Macquarie Pass). Light vehicles can also detour via Wilton Road (Broughton Pass).

We will let you know the month a closure is planned, two months prior. The exact dates within the month will then be advertised at least two to three weeks prior to the closures.

To keep you informed about upcoming closures including any oversize overmass movement restrictions, we will email registered project stakeholders and the freight industry, use electronic message signs, and update the Live Traffic NSW app and website [livetraffic.com](https://www.livetraffic.com).

Keeping you informed during construction

Engagement with the freight industry during construction will include:

- Online freight industry briefing prior to major construction starting to outline project staging, expected traffic impacts and to seek feedback
- Website and QR code displayed at local rest stops for operators to subscribe for email and SMS updates
- Live Traffic NSW updates with upcoming traffic changes and any oversize overmass restrictions
- Participation in existing industry freight forums.

If you have any feedback or suggestions on how we can better share information with you, please contact us on the details below.

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