



# Pacific Highway improvements at Hexham (Hexham Straight Widening)

## Project update - March to May 2024

March 2024



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

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. Major construction has begun, and the project is expected to be open to traffic in 2026.

### What we've been doing

Works completed over the past three months:

- Work in the median and shoulder widening on Maitland Road between Shamrock Street and the Oak Precinct
- Temporary works for the new bridge at Ironbark Creek including building the temporary bridge platform and earthworks for the bridge abutments
- Construction of the U-turn Bays opposite Hexham Bowling Club and in Shamrock Street.

### What's happening?

In the next three months work activities will include:

- Relocation of utility services, including water, electrical, telecommunications and work on the traffic control signals
- Work for the new bridge at Ironbark Creek including piling and substructure construction

- Ongoing work in the median and shoulder widening on Maitland Road between Shamrock Street and the Oak Precinct including asphaltting
- The eastbound right turn lane from Maitland Road to Fenwick Street will be permanently closed to motorists from March.



Crane platform for the Ironbark Creek bridge

### When and where we'll be working

The work will occur along the length of the project from the Newcastle Inner City Bypass to the Oak Precinct.

Day work will be carried out **Monday to Friday** between **7am and 6pm** and **Saturday** from **8am to 1pm**.

Night work will be carried out from **Sunday to Thursday** between **6pm and 7am**.

Work will not be carried out on public holidays from the night of **Thursday 28 March**. Work will resume on **Tuesday 2 April**.



## What will this mean for you?

During night work there may be temporary lane closures. During lane closures, intermittent stop/slow traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 40km/h will be in place in the work zones.

A temporary 60km/h reduced speed limit will remain in place through the work zone for the safety of motorists and workers.

Please keep to the signposted speed limits and follow the directions of traffic controllers.

For the latest traffic updates, call 132 701, visit [livetraffic.com.au](http://livetraffic.com.au) or check the Live Traffic App.

## Managing our impacts

There will be machinery and other plant and equipment working in different areas throughout the project. The machinery and equipment generate light, noise and vibration.

We will make every effort to minimise these impacts by:

- Monitoring noise to manage any potential impacts and adjustment our work, where possible
- Keeping residents informed about night work near their property
- Turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use
- Using non-tonal reversing alarms, where possible
- Positioning of machines and directing temporary lighting down and away from homes during night work.



U-turn bay at Shamrock Street



Bridge abutment work at Ironbark Creek

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## Contact us



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