

Detour in place for night road closures on the Northern Distributor Road in Orange from Wednesday 5 February

Northern Distributor Road

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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 carrying out important investigations on the Northern Distributor Road that will start the process of providing a safer road environment and reinstate the 80 km/h speed limit.

What work are we doing?

We will carry out essential geotechnical investigations of the road corridor to determine, among other things, if there is the presence of Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA) which is prevalent throughout many areas of the Central West.

Work will include drilling a number of holes on either side of the highway to take soil samples.

When and where we'll be working

Work will take place at multiple locations on the Northern Distributor Road between the Mitchell Highway and Icely Road.

The work will take place at night on **Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 and Monday 10 February, between 8pm and 5am.**

The work is planned to be carried out at night to minimise impacts motorists and local businesses.

Traffic impacts

A full road closure will be required for nightwork on the 5 and 6 February with detours in place for all vehicles.

For nightwork on Monday 10 February, the road will be open under single lane contraflow.

Detour route for the 5-6 February:

Detours will be in place via the Mitchell Highway using Molong Road, Summer Street and Bathurst Road. We have included a map over the page to show the detour route.

Single lane closures will also be required on Summer Street at the railway crossing to manage traffic flow during the detour. This is also shown on the map over the page.

Motorists should allow for up to 15 additional minutes travel time. There will be minimal travel time impacts for through traffic using the Mitchell Highway. **For the latest traffic updates, call 132 701, or visit [livetraffic.com](https://www.livetraffic.com) or download the Live Traffic NSW App.**

What will this mean for you?

You may notice:

- noise from machinery and equipment
- traffic control and signage in place
- workers in white protective coveralls and masks due to the area having the potential to contain Naturally Occurring Asbestos.



Managing our impacts

We aim to manage our work to avoid impacts to the community and the environment.

This includes:

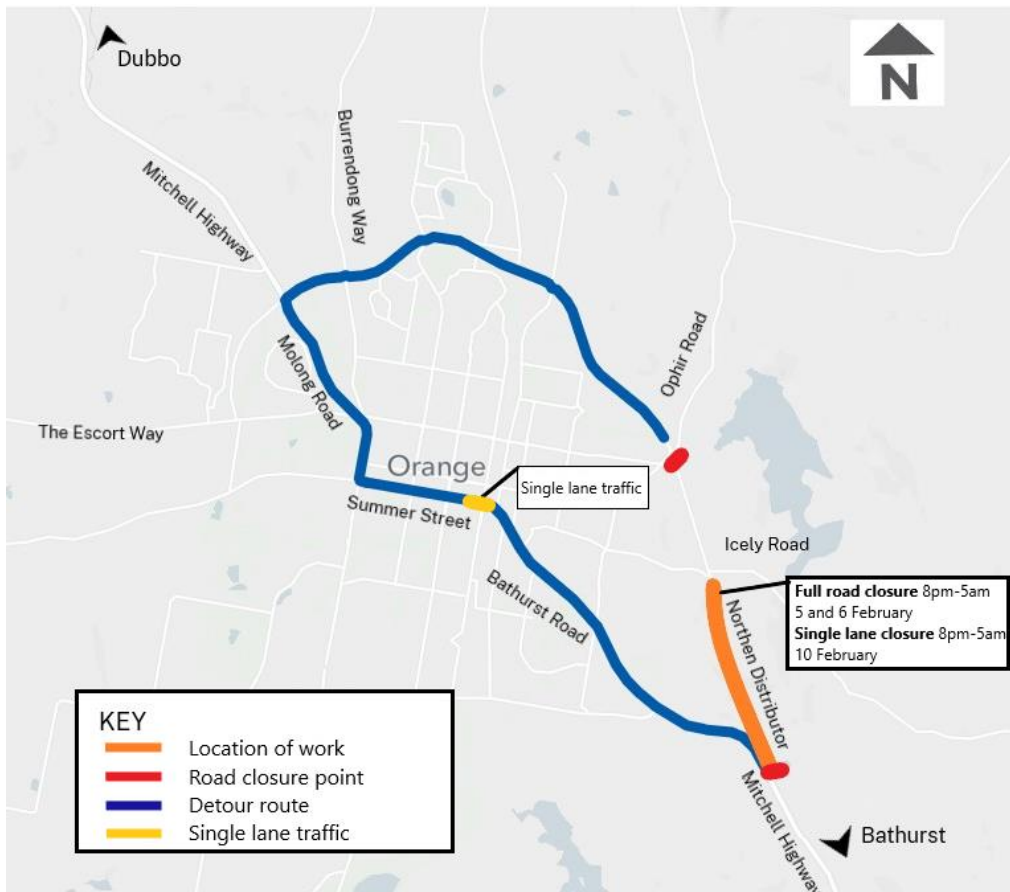
- reducing our noise as much as possible and turning off machinery and vehicles
- Directing lighting away from residences
- access for businesses and residents will be maintained at all times.
- variable messaging signs in place.

Next steps

The soil sample test results will inform the design and approach to the road repairs and patching work, which in turn would determine the funding required as well as the timeline and work schedule.

We understand that this work will generate some inconvenience and we thank you for your patience.

Location of detour and work area



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