



Temporary 23 tonne load limit on Paytens Bridge effective midnight, Monday 31 March

March 2025



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.

Transport for NSW is implementing a temporary 23 tonne load limit on Paytens Bridge located on Paytens Bridge Road, 11 kilometres south-west of Eugowra, for the safety of all road users until essential strengthening work is carried out.

Why are we doing this?

A routine inspection of Paytens Bridge identified damage to one of the timber trusses. Traffic control measures were put in place from Tuesday 18 March 2025 to reduce the speed limit on the bridge to 10 km/hr and to direct traffic towards the upstream side of the bridge away from the damaged truss, while load monitoring was undertaken to confirm the bridge's load capacity.

The load monitoring has shown that the bridge's 42.5 tonne load limit needs to be reduced until a strengthening structure called a 'Bailey bridge' can be installed. This is a steel truss frame that will be placed on the bridge deck adjacent to the damaged downstream truss to transfer the load from the timber truss to the Bailey bridge.

When will the load limit be in place?

The 23 tonne load limit will be in place from **midnight on Monday 31 March** for **up to six months** while Transport for NSW procures and installs the Bailey bridge, which is expected to allow the load limit to return to 42.5 tonnes. We are committed to lifting the load limit as soon as possible to minimise impacts to the community.

What this will mean for you?

From **midnight on Monday 31 March** until the Bailey bridge is installed, the **10 km/h reduced speed limit** currently on Paytens Bridge will remain, barriers will continue to direct traffic towards the upstream side of the bridge, and **vehicles over 23 tonnes will not be permitted to travel across Paytens Bridge.**

Vehicles over 23 tonnes travelling between Eugowra and Lachlan Valley Way will not be able to use Paytens Bridge Road and **will need to detour via Casuarina Drive to Gooloogong.** We have provided a map over the page to show the detour route. Motorists are advised to **allow 30 minutes extra travel time** and to always follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs.

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



A Bailey bridge has been used at Paytens Bridge at least three times since 2000, most recently in 2017 (pictured) following overloading issues which required the bridge to be closed for a month.



Map of detour route for vehicles over 23 tonnes



Paytens Bridge Replacement

Paytens Bridge was built in 1926 and was on the list of NSW timber truss bridges to be preserved, however in the 2019 review of the bridge conservation strategy it was identified for removal as it could not be effectively upgraded to meet future road network requirements.

Transport for NSW is investigating options to replace Paytens Bridge with a new concrete

bridge which will increase load capacity, improve wide vehicle access, improve safety and reduce ongoing maintenance costs.

You can read more about the Paytens Bridge Replacement project at nswroads.work/paytens-bridge

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