Project update – Airport West precinct, Marsh Street, Arncliffe

The NSW Government is funding this project to improve traffic flow on Marsh Street, Arncliffe.

Roads and Maritime Services is continuing to deliver this project which involves widening Marsh Street to three lanes westbound. Work started in late February 2016 and is expected to be completed in May 2017, weather permitting.

What's happened so far?

Since July 2016 we have:

- Installed 310 metres of the total 580 metres of new stormwater drainage along the westbound side of Marsh Street
- Completed installation of all the block work and precast retaining wall on the westbound side of Marsh Street between Flora Street and Levey Street
- Progressed earthwork on the new lane along the westbound side of Marsh Street between Valda Avenue and Gertrude Street.

What's happening next?

Work to be carried out in the coming months will include:

- Continuing to upgrade the drainage system in the project area
- Digging to install new stormwater pipes underneath Marsh Street
- Sheet piling to support a retaining wall at the eastern end of Marsh Street.
- Asphalting the new westbound lane
- Installing westbound street lights
- Installing a concrete shared footpath next to the westbound side of Marsh Street.

Our standard construction working hours are from 7am to 6pm on weekdays and from 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

To complete the project as quickly as possible and minimise the disruption period for residents, we will carry out about 25 night shifts between Friday 14 October and Tuesday 18 November, excluding Saturdays, weather permitting. Our working hours will be from 8pm to 5am.

Utility relocation work

We are continuing to relocate and install underground utilities and services in the project area. We will carry out horizontal drilling to relocate a gas main at the eastern end of Marsh Street, near Rockwell Avenue. This work will be carried out over eight night shifts between Wednesday 12 October and Friday 18 November, weather permitting.
Out of hours concrete finishing work

When carrying out concreting work within the project site on the southern side of Marsh Street, there are some occasions where we require extra time to properly finish this work, due to the time it takes for concrete to set. As a result, we have approved an extension of working hours between 5am and 7am, when this circumstance arises, up until the end of December 2016.

We have applied strict conditions to any work during these hours, to ensure we do not impact residents and traffic in the area. These conditions include:

- No vehicle movements for this work on Marsh Street and access to the project site only on foot
- No lane closures
- No machinery to be used, except for mobile light towers pointing away from residences, if necessary
- Only concrete finishing work to be carried out.

How will this work affect you?

There will be some noise associated with this work. However, we will continue to make every effort to minimise its impact by completing the noisiest work by midnight and arranging the work in stages at different locations.

Higher School Certificate examination period

In scheduling the upcoming work program, we wanted to be sure that our work would not impact on students in the area that are studying for Higher School Certificate (HSC) exams between Thursday 13 October and Friday 4 November.

We have been consulting with the local community since June to identify students in the vicinity of the project area, and discuss their needs through the exam period. During consultation we:

- Distributed 6500 project updates inviting residents in the area to contact us if an HSC student lived at their property
- Sent direct mail letters to the 500 properties closest to the project area
- Doorknocked 61 properties closest to the project area
- Phoned, emailed and provided information to eight local high schools to inform their students.

We received eight responses from residents with HSC students in the area. Our project team individually discussed each family’s circumstances throughout the HSC exam period with them, and enquired about whether our work had impacted them so far, and what measures we could take to ensure the students were not disturbed.

As a result of these conversations, we proposed to take the following action to continue our current working schedule throughout the HSC exam period:

- Monitor the location of maintenance trucks parking in the project area, particularly Eve Street
- Ensure traffic controls will not need to be set up out the front of a West Botany Street property
- Continue to ensure that there are no lane closures during the day as a result of this project, that could potentially affect students arriving at their exams on time
- Ensure that our project team remains available to discuss potential individual noise mitigation measures with residents throughout the exam period.
Traffic changes

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

To minimise impact on traffic, lane closures will only be in place after hours, which may affect travel times. Please keep to speed limits and 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.

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If you have any questions, please call our delivery partner Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture on 1800 677 700 or email nswenquiries@vbajv.com.au. For more information on our projects, visit rms.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.