Out of hours investigation work on the Great Western Highway Katoomba to Mount Victoria safety upgrade

The Australian and NSW governments are undertaking a $250 million upgrade package on the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow to improve traffic flow, safety and travel conditions.

Roads and Maritime Services will carry out pavement investigations and root mapping work on trees located along the Great Western Highway near the intersection of the Great Western Highway, Govetts Leap Road and Bundarra Street, Blackheath.

The pavement investigations will determine the depth of pavement in the westbound parking areas and will involve drilling 300mm boreholes and some trenching work. A qualified arborist will be on site to monitor the works and every effort is being made to minimise the impact to the trees in this area.

The process and impact of root mapping is non-destructive. Roads and Maritime will engage specialists who will use an excavation technique called Air Spading – a non-invasive form of excavation that uses air to move soil from the area surrounding the tree roots and ensure the roots are not damaged. This work will help inform the final design process for the Katoomba to Mount Victoria safety upgrade.

There will be up to three night shifts between Monday 6 February and Friday 10 February, weather permitting. Our working hours will be from 8pm to 5am, Monday to Friday.

We have included a map to help explain the location of the work.
How will the work affect you?

There will be noise and light associated with the work but every effort will be made to minimise its impact including:

- Noisier work will be completed earlier in the evening where possible
- Every effort will be made to focus light only on the working area
- Work will be organised to allow opportunities for respite.

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe. Lane closures will be in place during night work and may affect travel times.

For the safety of motorists and workers, access to parking spaces located in the work zone along the Great Western Highway, **8pm to 5am**, will not be permitted.

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 livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Contact

If you have any questions, please call our project team on 1800 035 733 or email K2Lupgrade@rms.nsw.gov.au. For more information on our projects, visit rms.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.