Project update
Sydney Harbour Bridge southern toll plaza precinct upgrade

December 2016

The NSW Government is funding an upgrade to the Sydney Harbour Bridge southern toll plaza precinct to improve safety, simplify traffic movements and improve bus connections to the city

Work includes the removal of the existing southern toll booths, reconfiguration of the intersection of York and Grosvenor Streets, new gantry signage, drainage work and the adjustment of road levels, asphalting and line marking to realign the traffic and bus lanes. To minimise impact on traffic and residents during construction, the work will be carried out in stages and is expected to be completed by early 2018.

Stage 1 will start on Sunday 18 December and involve installing a large compound in the middle of the southern approach to the Sydney Harbour Bridge, with traffic diverted either side of this site. This will allow work to be carried out during the day without impacting traffic.

During stage 1, traffic will be managed over two phases to take advantage of less traffic in early January 2017 when we establish the compound.

Stage 1A: Sunday 18 December until Sunday 15 January 2017

Work to be carried out includes:
- Setting up the compound in the middle of the southern approach to the bridge
- Removing some tolling equipment including switching off electrical power
- Removing the most western toll booths within the compound
- Demolishing and replacing concrete slabs
- Drainage work
- Installing moveable medians
- Removing and replacing asphalt
- Removing hazardous waste such as asbestos.

Managing asbestos

Roads and Maritime Services has identified undisturbed asbestos at this site. Discovery of asbestos-containing material is not uncommon during construction activities and is an unwanted legacy from the past.

Roads and Maritime follows strict procedures to manage asbestos. A site specific Asbestos Management Plan will be implemented in accordance with Environmental Protection Authority and SafeWork NSW approvals. The asbestos will be managed to ensure there is no risk to the public.
Stage 1B: Monday 16 January until late April 2017
Work to be carried out includes:

- Reducing the size of the compound to accommodate increasing traffic volumes
- Continuing drainage work
- Installing underground cables
- Replacing concrete slabs
- Installing moveable medians
- Removing and replacing asphalt
- Removing some of the southbound toll booths.

Work hours
Work hours will typically be from 7am to midnight. We will carry out some night work from 8pm to 5am where day work is not possible. Examples of when night work will be needed include establishing the stage 1A and 1B compounds and removing the toll booth canopy.

A weekly schedule (see opposite) will be available online and emailed to the project stakeholder list. If you would like to receive the weekly schedule, see ‘For more information’ for contact details to register.

Noise
There will be some noise associated with this work. We will make every effort to minimise its impact by using less noisy demolition techniques such as, metal cutting jaws, use of liquids to break up concrete, and transporting materials offsite in larger blocks for further deconstruction offsite.

We will carry out noisier work during the day and before midnight where possible.

Temporary traffic changes
Delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions. Please follow the direction of traffic controllers, traffic signs and keep to reduced speed limits. Traffic control will be in place and speed limits will be 40 km/h along the work area.

We will display up to date information, including any date changes and detours on electronic message signs along the road. To plan your trip, view the animated driver scenarios on our website.

What happens next?
Work at the intersection of York and Grosvenor Streets will continue from 16 January 2017.

The community will be kept informed during the project, including further information on the remaining stages of the upgrade in 2017.