Major work starting on Airport East precinct upgrade from 8 February 2017

The Australian and NSW Governments are upgrading roads in the Sydney Airport East precinct to improve traffic flow and access to the airport and Port Botany.

Since January 2017 we have been carrying out early work, to prepare for the start of major construction work. This work has included:

- Establishing the two site compounds for the project
- Trimming vegetation and removing trees in the project area
- Minor investigation work to confirm the position of existing utilities
- Installing temporary traffic barriers.

From 8 February 2017, we will start construction on the project. This work will involve:

- constructing access platforms to build the new rail bridge at Botany Road opposite the Wentworth Avenue intersection
- constructing a new canal bridge and retaining wall next to General Holmes Drive
- road widening on General Holmes Drive and Joyce Drive
- realigning traffic lanes and removing the traffic island at General Holmes Drive and Mill Pond Road
- closing the footpath on Joyce Drive between O’Riordan Street and General Holmes Drive. The existing footpath on Ross Smith Avenue will remain open for pedestrians during construction.

Bus stop closure

The northbound bus stop on Botany Road, between Bronti Street and Wentworth Avenue, next to the railway line will be closed permanently from 12 February 2017. We have consulted with Sydney Buses about the bus stop in this location, and the closure is required to ensure the safety of pedestrians and traffic movements in the area.

During construction, bus patrons will be able to use the existing bus stop at the corner of Elizabeth Avenue and Botany Road.

Please see the map over the page for the location of the work.

Construction hours

Normal construction hours for the project will be from 7am to 6pm, Mondays to Fridays and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays, excluding public holidays.
Out of hours work

In line with the project’s Review of Environmental Factors, we will carry out work outside of normal working hours throughout major construction on this project. Out of hours work is necessary on this project due to the traffic conditions in the area, the limitations of working next to the Sydney Airport East West runway and the Port Botany Rail Line. Night work will be carried out from 9pm until 5am and weekend work will be carried out during rail shutdown periods, weather permitting.

Weekend work will be carried out during a rail shut down on the weekend of 25 and 26 February 2017. Work may be carried out from 2am Saturday 25 February until 2am Monday 27 February.

How will the work affect you?

There may be some noise, dust, vibration and disruption associated with this work. Machinery and equipment used may include lighting towers, excavators, trucks, light vehicles, plate compactors, jackhammers, concrete saws, vacuum trucks, cranes, rollers, compressors, wrenches and hand tools.

We will make every effort to minimise noise by arranging the work in stages at different locations, working at night only when necessary and using flexible noise shields where possible to reduce noise generated by construction activities. We will notify you in advance of additional out of hours work, noise monitoring will be carried out during out of hours work and additional mitigation implemented where necessary. Lighting towers will be directed away from residential properties at night, wherever possible.
Traffic changes

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

Traffic controls will be in place at Botany Road, General Holmes Drive, Joyce Drive and Wentworth Avenue. Variable message signs will also help keep the community informed of any changes to road conditions.

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

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Thank you for your patience during this important work.