Project update – Installation of permanent electronic message sign on The Great Western Highway, South Wentworthville from Monday, 8 May

The NSW Government is funding this proposal as part of its $246 million Pinch Point and Clearways Program, which aims to reduce traffic delays, manage congestion and improve travel times on Sydney’s major roads.

Roads and Maritime Services invited feedback in April 2016 on a proposal to install a permanent message sign on The Great Western Highway, about 280 metres west of Bridge Road, South Wentworthville. The sign would provide westbound road users with advance notice of planned and unplanned incidents along The Great Western Highway, M4 Western Motorway, Cumberland Highway/Pennant Hills Road and Cumberland Highway/Hume Highway corridors. This would help road users avoid delays and choose the best route to their destinations.

Roads and Maritime received feedback from two residents, one who opposed the proposal. Matters they raised included alternative locations and need for the proposed sign.

After considering both responses along with the proposal’s aims and design requirements, we have decided to proceed with the proposal. We have responded directly to questions or concerns raised and thank both community members who took the time to consider the proposal and provide feedback.

What happens next?

We will install the sign in stages and expect the work to take place between Monday, 8 May and Friday, 30 May 2017, excluding Saturdays and weather permitting. Our night time working hours will be between 8pm to 5am and our day time working hours will be between 8am to 5pm.

Work will include:

- excavating and pouring foundations
- installing the sign
- trenching and installing power and telecommunication cables
- testing the sign.

How will the work affect you?

There may be some noise associated with the work and we will make every effort to complete the noisier work by midnight.
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. Please keep to speed limits and follow the directions 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 contact our delivery partner, DownerMouchel on 1800 332 660 or nsw_projects@downermouchel.com. For more information on our projects, please visit rms.nsw.gov.au.

How do message signs improve traffic flow?

There are about 200 permanent electronic message signs throughout NSW. They are programmed by the Transport Management Centre (TMC), which manages and monitors the road network 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We place electronic message signs before key journey decision points to provide real-time updates to road users. This allows them to make more informed decisions about their route and can improve travel times by giving them the right information at the right point on the network so they can avoid delays. For more information on our permanent electronic message signs, please visit our website at rms.nsw.gov.au and search ‘electronic message signs’.