Project update – Installation of a permanent electronic message sign on March Street westbound, approaching West Market Street, Richmond

The NSW Government is funding a 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.

In March 2017, Roads and Maritime Services sought community feedback on a proposal to install a permanent electronic message sign on March Street, Richmond, approaching East Market Street. We distributed 2,300 letters to key stakeholders and the local community.

During the consultation period we received one response, not supporting the proposal. Matters raised in this response related to the location and position of the sign.

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

What happens next?
We will install the sign in stages and will be on site for six night shifts and six day shifts from Monday, 15 May, and Friday, 30 June 2017, weather permitting. Our night work hours will be from 7pm to 5am. Our day work hours will be from 7am to 5pm.

Work will include:

- investigating utilities and ground conditions
- excavating and constructing foundations
- some tree trimming
- installing the electronic sign
- trenching and installing power and telecommunications cabling
- testing of the sign.

How will the work affect you?
The work will involve the use of machinery which may generate some noise. We will make every effort to minimise its impact, including completing the noisier tasks by 11pm.

Traffic changes
There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe.
Lane closures may be in place and 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 livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Contact
If you have any questions, please call our delivery partner, DownerMouchel, on 1800 332 660 or nsw_projects@downermouchel.com. For more information on our projects, 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 on ‘electronic message signs’.

If you need help understanding this information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call us on 1800 332 660.