

Have your say – Painting and maintenance project, Dawson River Bridge, Cundletown

The NSW Government is investing in essential maintenance on Dawson River Bridge to ensure its continued safe operation.

Transport for NSW is seeking your feedback on the scheduling of work relating to several bridge closures that are required as part of this project to maintain the structural integrity of Dawson River Bridge and to reduce future maintenance costs.

The proposed work would be carried out in stages and includes repairing and repainting the existing steel on the bridge and concrete repairs. The scope of work involves replacing and repairing steel elements on the bridge, encapsulating each span on the bridge to remove and dispose of existing paint and applying three coats of new paint.

The first stage involves early preparation work and would occur during March and early April. Work would include establishing a site compound near the bridge and intermittent day and night work.

The second stage of work involves preparation for the painting project, including repairs to the steel truss, replacing the overhead bracing along the full length of the bridge and bird proofing activities. This work would commence in mid-April and would take a minimum of two months to complete. During this stage of the work, single lane closures, traffic control and reduced speed limits will be in place during work hours.

During May, two weeks of work involving full bridge closures at night will be required, with detours in place. In June, one week of work involving full bridge closures at night will be required, with detours in place. The dates for these closures will be confirmed closer to the date. Due to high volumes of traffic on the bridge during the day, work on the bridge would be carried out at night **Sunday to Thursday between 7pm and 5am** to minimise disruption to motorists. A noise assessment of the proposed work is currently being undertaken and appropriate respite between the periods of night work would be provided.

The final stage of work involves painting the bridge and will commence in **mid-2021**. This work would continue on from the initial stages of the project and is expected to be **completed by mid-2022**. The work hours would be consistent with the first stages of the project. Again due to high volumes of traffic on the bridge during the day, some work would be carried out at night **Sunday to Thursday between 7pm and 5am** to minimise disruption to motorists. A noise assessment of the proposed work is currently being undertaken and appropriate respite between the periods of night work would be provided.

During this stage of the work the bridge would remain open with changed traffic conditions in place including single lane closures and reduced speed limits. Traffic control would be in place to direct motorists.

A temporary 40km/h speed limit would be in place during the work and motorists may experience short delays. There would be some noise impacts associated with the work, however every effort would be made to minimise these impacts on nearby residents and businesses.

Proposed bridge closures

Some of the work to repair and replace steel bracing requires closing the bridge to traffic to ensure the safety of workers and motorists.

We have developed a schedule for the bridge closures which aims to minimise inconvenience to motorists and community. It is proposed to carry out the full bridge closures from Sunday to Thursday nights, 10pm –

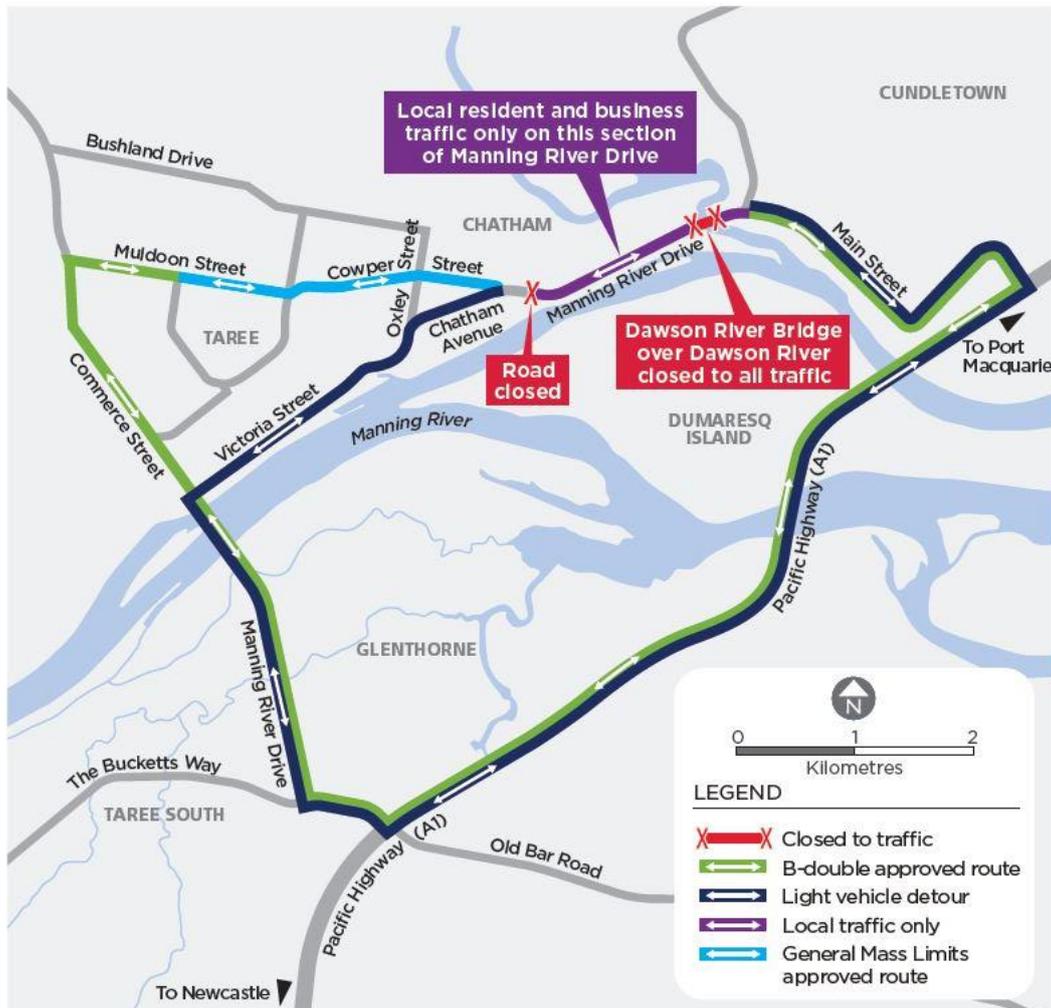
5am, which is the least disruptive time for motorists and the community using the bridge. Detours would be in place.

Proposed detour

During the closures, a detour would be in place via Cundletown and the Pacific Highway as shown in the map below. **Detour route – up to 20 kilometres or around 20 minutes travel time.**



Road closure - Dawson River Bridge



How can you give feedback?

You are invited to provide feedback on our proposal by **Sunday 28 February** to our Project Manager, Michael Rheinberger at michael.rheinberger@transport.nsw.gov.au or Michael Rheinberger, Transport for NSW, Locked Bag 2030 Newcastle NSW 2300.

We will carefully consider your feedback and continue to keep you updated as the project progresses.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our Project Manager, Michael Rheinberger on (02) 4908 7840 or Michael.Rheinberger@transport.nsw.gov.au

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