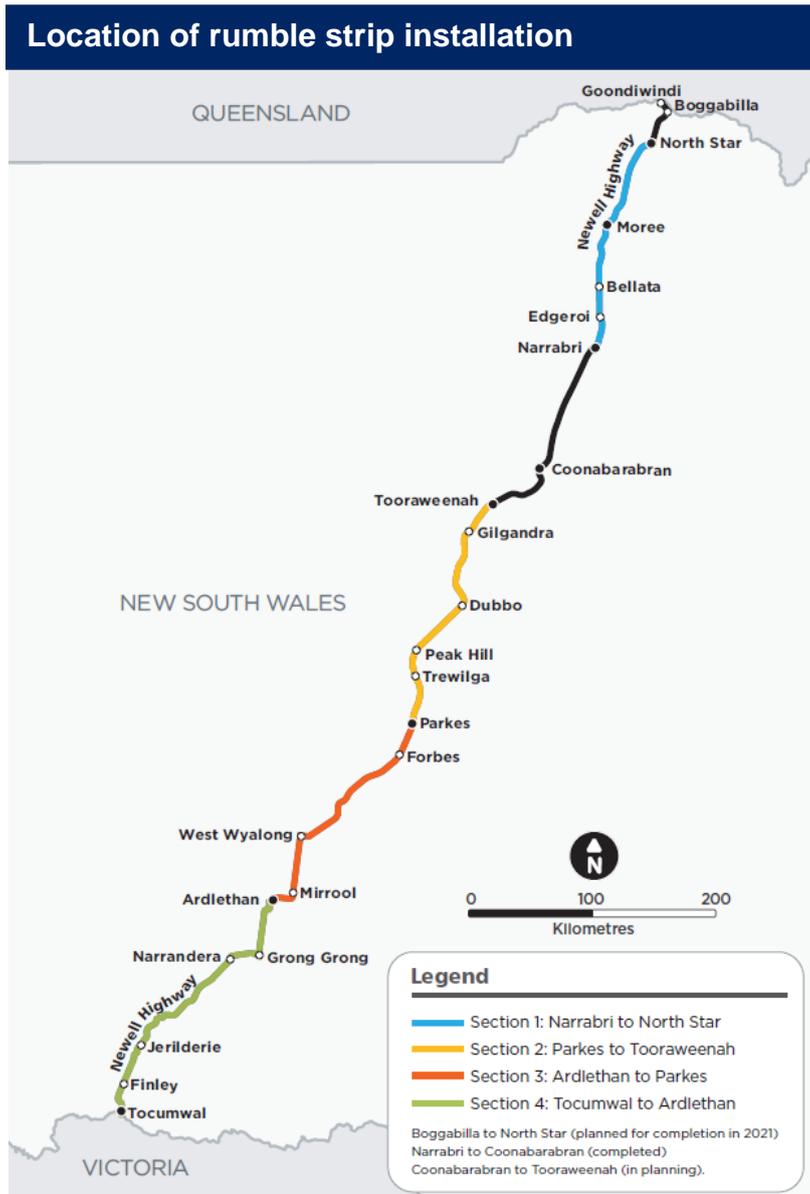


Installation of rumble strips on the Newell Highway

A project to improve safety and reduce the risk of head-on and run-off-road crashes will be carried out along the Newell Highway from Tuesday 26 January.



Transport for NSW is installing rumble strips (also known as Audio Tactile Line Marking or ATLM) on the Newell Highway on both the centre and edge lines in four targeted sections covering approximately 3150 linear kilometres. Section 1; Narrabri to North Star and section 2; Parkes to Tooraweenah will commence on 26 January with section 3 and section 4 to commence from 8 February.

This project is a part of the Australian and New South Wales Government accelerated \$398M investment in road safety improvements through the Safer Roads Program and is included in the Australian Government \$140M stimulus contribution towards this accelerated program.



Work hours will be from **7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday** and is expected to be completed in **early May**, weather permitting.

We will let you know in advance if we need to do any work outside these times.

What you need to know

ATLM involves placing small raised bumps along the edge of roads and/or down the centreline. It can be installed in conjunction with wide centrelines, or retrofitted onto existing stretches of road. In this instance, ATLM is being retrofitted onto the Newell Highway.

The purpose of ATLM is to reduce head-on and run-off-road crashes by producing a noise (audio) and vibration (tactile) warning to drivers that their vehicle is leaving the lane, veering into oncoming traffic or the edge of the road. The audio tactile warning gives motorists the opportunity to correct their path.

The ATLM will be installed offset to the existing line marking so will only produce the audio tactile effect if a vehicle has already left the travel lane.

It is a low-cost option which can help reduce the risk of crashes due to driver inattention, such as fatigue, and is particularly effective at night or during bad weather.

This form of line marking is a highly effective road safety treatment that is known to reduce targeted crashes by 25 per cent. It follows the Safe Systems approach and is considered one of a number of available options in achieving Towards Zero deaths and serious injuries.

Changed traffic conditions

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe.

Single lane closures and a 40 km/h speed limit will be in place during work hours and may affect travel times. Motorists are advised to allow up to five minutes extra travel time to their journey while work is under way.

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 contact the project team on 1800 167 499 or western.projects@transport.nsw.gov.au.

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Thank you for your patience during this important work.



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