Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade

Upcoming investigation work for the Western Harbour Tunnel

The Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link program is a major transport infrastructure program that will make it easier, faster and safer to get around Sydney.

By creating a western bypass of the Sydney CBD, the Western Harbour Tunnel will take pressure off the congested Sydney Harbour Bridge, Sydney Harbour Tunnel and Anzac Bridge; while Beaches Link will create an alternative to the Military Road and Warringah Road corridors to relieve traffic pressure on the North Shore.

Over the next two months, we will be carrying out geotechnical investigations to help inform the ongoing planning for the Western Harbour Tunnel.

When will we be working?

This work will start Thursday 29 October and take about two months to complete, weather permitting.

Our work will take place during the day from 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday and from 8:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays.

What will the work involve?

The geotechnical investigations involve using a drill mounted on a truck to take soil and water samples from the ground. Each hole will be about 100 - 150mm in diameter.

When we are finished, we will fill in the holes, clean up the sites and reinstate grass, as required.

We will identify underground services including electricity, water, gas and sewerage by using electronic equipment and a van.

Where will we be working?

We will be working in various locations in the following areas:
- Waverton Park, Waverton
- Berrys Bay, Waverton
- Yurulbin Point, Birchgrove
- Birchgrove Oval, Birchgrove

We will be located in each area for up to two weeks. We have included a map to show you where we will be working.

How will the work affect you?

You will see us in the area setting up environmental controls and installing fences around our temporary work sites.

When we are working in parks and public spaces there will be small areas which we will need to temporarily fence off during our work. You will still have access to the parks and public spaces while these investigations take place.

Our work may be noisy at times but we will do everything we can to minimise the impact on you. When we are drilling, you may be able to hear sounds like an engine running and at times sounds like a small jack hammer. We will work closely with you during our work and we encourage you to call us if you have any issues or concerns.

Supporting NSW amid COVID-19

The health and safety of our workforce and the wider community will be top of mind as we carry out our work. This will include ensuring our workers follow the appropriate hygiene and social distancing guidelines.
Birchgrove investigation areas

- Louisa Road
- Birchgrove Oval

New direct bus routes

Upgrading the Warringah Freeway

B-Line and bus commuters to interchange with Sydney Metro and Sydney Trains
Waverton investigation areas

- Balls Head Road
- Bay Road
- Woolcott Street
- Wood Street
- Larkin Street

Integrated transport for faster, more reliable journeys

Less congestion

New shared cycle and pedestrian pathways
Will there be changes to traffic?

While we are working, some areas will require temporary traffic control for everyone’s safety. We may also need to temporarily use parking spaces. Please keep to speed limits and follow the directions of signage and traffic controllers.

Want to talk to the team about this work?

Under normal circumstances we would stop by to discuss this work with you. However given the current uncertainty with COVID-19 we are being cautious and minimising our face-to face interactions with the community. We would still like to speak to you about our work and discuss any questions you may have.

If you would like to know more, please call us on 1800 931 189 or email us at whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au and we can discuss the work with you over the phone or arrange a time to meet with you virtually.

Want to stay in touch?

If you would like to be kept up to date on this work or the project, please contact the project team on 1800 931 189 or via whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au and register for updates.

We will also be providing a weekly website update so you can check our website at nswroads.work/whtbl