Great Western Highway Community Coordination Taskforce

TRANSPORT FUNCTIONAL A SITUATION REPORT

Event: Closure of a section of the Great Western Highway at Victoria Pass

Situation Report current as at 09 September 2026

MITCHELLS CAUSEWAY

- Stabilisation work is continuing at Mitchells Causeway in preparation for major piling work to begin.
- Design work is underway to include a climbing lane in the eastbound direction, which will be incorporated into project delivery to build the resilience of the corridor.
- Transport is progressing approvals to enable construction of the additional climbing lane announced as part of the Australian and NSW Government funding package.
- Transport's immediate focus is to reinstate the highway as quickly and safely as possible, while making sure the structure provides long-term stability and does not limit future options.

ROADS AND TRAFFIC

- Onsite resources continue to respond quickly to any incidents along the detour, with traffic control teams able to establish alternate routes around incidents within minutes to minimise disruption.
- Work continues to review traffic controller operations and traffic management arrangements to further improve management of the detour route and broader road network.
- Transport continues to work closely with NSW Police on additional speed enforcement measures and compliance activities to improve safety on the detour route.
- Compliance vehicles and mobile traffic monitoring equipment remain in place to support enforcement activities.
- Risky driving behaviour continues to be observed on the detour route, and motorists are reminded to slow down, obey speed limits and drive to conditions.
- Transport continues to liaise closely with Bathurst 1000 organisers and key stakeholders in preparation for the event.
- Additional resources will be deployed over upcoming peak traffic periods to help manage increased traffic volumes safely.

ROADWORK

- Maintenance reviews continue along the detour route including Darling Causeway. Asphalting work that paused during winter, is scheduled to recommence 20

September on Scenic Hill. Asphalting work will not be happening during the school holidays or Bathurst 1000.

- Transport has laid a total of 43,268 tonnes asphalt on the detour route since it has been in operation.
- Work will continue on road shoulder grading to improve safety.
- The next stage of asphalting works on Chifley Road and through Lithgow town centre will start in October.
- Planning is underway for asphalting works between Lithgow, and the closure point in Little Hartley.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- We're temporarily relocating the bus stop on Patrick Street at Mount Victoria. During these works, the stop will move from its usual location on Patrick Street, and coaches will instead pick up and drop off passengers on Station Street.
- Customers should check Trip Planner before all travel for accurate service times.
- Customers can view full trackwork impacts and subscribe to trackwork alerts to be notified of trackwork impacting their line or station. Please go to https://transportnsw.info/travel-info/ways-to-get-around/train/about-trackwork.

FREIGHT

- Transport continues to work closely with industry to coordinate Oversize Over Mass vehicle movements that originate or terminate within the detour route.
- Heavy vehicle operators are reminded that the detour route is open to general access vehicles and eligible PBS vehicles up to 20 metres, subject to approved access conditions
- and to check permit requirements and network access conditions before travelling. NHVR and NSW Police continue targeted compliance activities to support freight safety and compliance on the detour route.
- PBS level 2A vehicles, Class 2 vehicle carriers up to 21.4 metres, and eligible OSOM or special purpose vehicles require an NHVR access permit before travel
- B-doubles over 19 metres are not approved, nor were they previously approved, on the Great Western Highway between Emu Plains and Marrangaroo or the detour route
- Operators should check NHVR Go and Live Traffic before travel and delay trips if suitable access is unavailable

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Communications and media support continues for the operational response associated with the Bathurst 1000. A copy of the most recent media release regarding Bathurst 1000 arrangements can be found here.
- Communication materials are being prepared ahead of the upcoming school holiday and Labour Day long weekend travel period.
- Weekly construction image updates are being prepared and published on the project website.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- The August community update was distributed, providing project progress, support package information and detour updates.
- Community notifications have been issued regarding commencement of 24-hour construction activities

ONLINE RESOURCES

Transport for NSW Great Western Highway closure webpage

http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/gwhvictoriapass

Live Traffic NSW

https://www.livetraffic.com/incident-details/267022

Trip Planner

https://transportnsw.info/trip

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