Great Western Highway Community Coordination Taskforce

TRANSPORT FUNCTIONAL AREA SITUATION REPORT

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

Final Situation Report current as at 28 October 2026

MITCHELLS CAUSEWAY

- Permanent piling work is underway, with dozens of bridge foundation piles drilled into sandstone bedrock as construction of the new bridge structure progresses. Over half of the permanent piles needed to support the future bridge structure have been completed.
- Safety works are continuing on the two westbound safety ramps to build resiliency into the road network within Victoria Pass.
- 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

- Transport has extra field resources on the Darling Causeway including heavy and light tows, pilots operating drones, additional mobile CCTV units available to monitor incidents or breakdowns. Traffic control crews are situated along the detour route at strategic locations.
- Transport works closely with emergency services to respond to incidents and restore access as quickly as possible when disruptions occur.
- Transport continues to work closely with NSW Police on additional speed enforcement measures and compliance activities to improve safety on the detour route. Motorists are reminded to slow down, obey speed limits and drive to conditions.
- Compliance vehicles and mobile traffic monitoring equipment remain in place to support enforcement activities.
- Additional resources will continue to be deployed over during peak traffic periods to help manage increased traffic volumes safely.

ROADWORK

- Asphalting work is underway at Scenic Hill and is expected to continue over the coming months as it moves into Lithgow town centre.
- Transport has laid a total of 46,681 tonnes asphalt on the detour route since it has been in operation.
- Planning is underway for asphalting works between Lithgow, and the closure point in Little Hartley.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- 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 facilitate approved Oversize Over Mass (OSOM) vehicle movements that originate or terminate within the detour route that are essential to maintaining supply chains and supporting the NSW economy.
- 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
- 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.
- NHVR and NSW Police continue targeted compliance activities to support freight safety and compliance on the detour route.
- Operators should check NHVR Go and Live Traffic before travel and delay trips if suitable access is unavailable.
- As of 28 October 2026, there have been 224 tows/recoveries and 276 OSOM movements since the detour was implemented.

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

- As we continue to move into construction of the solution for the closure of the Great Western Highway at Victoria Pass, the fortnightly SITREPs will no longer be continued.
- Transport will continue to provide updates to the community through the weekly construction update published on the project website, the fortnightly community update email, and the monthly published Community Update.
- The next Community Update will be published within the next week
- Transport continues to publish a weekly construction image on Live Traffic NSW, providing a consistent view of progress at the closure site from a project camera the same location as the former traffic camera.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Community and stakeholder engagement activities continue, including regular meetings with local councils, the Department of Education, resident associations and the Community Reference Group.
- Transport continues to work with Blue Mountains City Council and Lithgow City Council regarding Hartley Vale Road. The decision remains in place not to open the road to increased or two way traffic. Signage and communications continue to reinforce that the road remains one-way for westbound traffic only and are intended for local traffic access only.

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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