

Geotechnical investigations along the M1 Pacific Motorway between Tuggerah and Doyalson interchanges from Wednesday 4 February

The NSW and Federal Governments have provided \$6 million this year toward planning for the upgrade of the M1 Pacific Motorway between the Tuggerah and Doyalson interchanges. The proposed upgrade involves widening the motorway to provide three lanes in each direction to improve traffic flow and safety.

The upgrade of the M1 Pacific Motorway between the Tuggerah and Doyalson interchanges will cater for the increase in traffic forecast as a result of predicted growth in the Central Coast, Hunter Region and North Coast along with greater freight demand. The upgrade will provide increased traffic capacity along the motorway and more reliable travel times now and into the future.

The concept design and review of environmental factors was displayed for community comment in August 2014 and the project was approved in October 2014.

To allow planning for the project to continue, Roads and Maritime Services will be carrying out geotechnical investigations to assess the ground and subsurface conditions below and alongside the existing motorway.

Work will be carried out in bushland beside the motorway near the Doyalson Link Road and Sparks Road interchanges from **Wednesday 4 February** and is expected to take **six weeks to complete**, weather permitting. Work may be carried out **Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm** and **Saturdays between 8am and 1pm**.

Changed traffic conditions

Night work will be carried out in both directions along two kilometre sections of the motorway between the Tuggerah and Doyalson interchanges. The night work is scheduled to start from **Sunday 15 February** and is expected to take **six weeks to complete**, weather permitting. Night work will be carried out **Sunday to Friday between 7.30pm and 6am**.

To ensure the safety of workers, motorists and other road users, changed traffic conditions will be in place while night work is carried out. Traffic controllers will be in place to direct motorists.

A temporary reduced speed limit will also be in place while night work is carried out and some short delays may be experienced.

Up to date information will be displayed on electronic message signs along the road. Wet weather may change dates and locations of work.

There will be some noise and lighting impacts associated with this work, however every effort will be made to minimise the impact on nearby residents and businesses. Night work will not be carried out for more than two nights in a row and no more than six nights per month in each location.

We are conscious of the effect this work may have on surrounding residents and we will minimise potential disruptions wherever possible.

We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience during this time.

Should you have any questions about the work please contact the project manager, Brett Hoad on 02 4924 0634 or by email Brett.Hoad@rms.nsw.gov.au during business hours.