

Safety improvements at Snowy Mountains Highway and Batlow Road intersection, near Tumut

The Snowy Mountains Highway intersection with Batlow Road is being upgraded to improve safety and efficiency for all road users by addressing immediate safety issues and improving the intersection.

What are we doing?

Work includes speed zone changes, upgrading line marking and signage, removing vegetation, and installing rumble strips and electronic vehicle-activated warning signage. These improvements were based on feedback received during community consultation during 2020.

This work is being funded by the Safer Roads State Blackspot - Towards Zero program.

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Work will be carried out between **7am and 6pm weekdays** and **8am to 1pm Saturdays** from **Monday 8 March**. Work is expected to be completed in one week, weather permitting.



Improving safety is our top priority

Transport for NSW is committed to road safety at this key intersection near Tumut. We have considered feedback provided by the community and fully investigated possible improvements and identified measures that increase safety and efficiency for all road users, including local residents and freight vehicles.

We will monitor safety at this intersection over the coming years and, if required, engage further with local residents and stakeholders to develop subsequent projects as required.

What it means for you

As a result of our investigations, the 100 km/h speed zone on Snowy Mountains Highway will be reduced to 80 km/h, from the current 80/100 km/h transition zone, 446 metres south of Sturt Close, to 730 metres west of Batlow Road, for a distance of 3.54 kilometres.

The speed zone will also be lowered on Batlow Road to 80 km/h from the intersection of the Snowy Mountains Highway for a distance of 1.6 kilometres.

Benefits of the upgrade

We are carrying out cost-effective, medium-term safety improvements that deliver positive road safety benefits by better guiding vehicles through travel lanes and improving visibility of merging traffic.

The new speed zones will increase awareness when approaching the intersection by slowing down vehicles and create a safer environment for all road users.

In addition, the installation of rumble strips on Batlow Road will improve vehicle alignment when approaching the intersection onto Snowy Mountains Highway and improve motorists' vision of approaching vehicles on the highway.

Removing vegetation near the side of the road, upgrading linemarking and signage and installing electronic vehicle-activated warning signage will also contribute to overall road safety improvements.

What do you need to know

There will be some short-term impacts to property access and local businesses during the upcoming work. Transport for NSW has spoken to impacted property owners separately.

The work will involve the use of machinery which generates some noise. We will make every effort to minimise noise by arranging the work in stages at different locations and turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use.

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

Lane closures and reduced speed limits 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 the 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.

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