Project update – Installation of a permanent electronic message sign on the Hume Highway, approaching Sappho Road, Warwick Farm

The NSW Government is funding this project as part of its $246 million Pinch Point and Clearways Program, which aims to reduce traffic delays, manage congestion and improve travel times on Sydney’s major roads.

In October 2016, Roads and Maritime Services sought community feedback on a proposal to install a permanent electronic message sign on the Hume Highway, approaching Sappho Road, Warwick Farm.

During the consultation period, we did not receive any comments on the proposal and have decided to proceed with the project.

What happens next?
We will be on site for six night shifts and six day shifts between Monday 15 May and Friday 28 July 2017, excluding weekends, public holidays and weather permitting. Our night work hours will be between 7pm and 5am. Our day work hours will be between 7am and 5pm.

Work will include:

- investigating utilities and ground conditions
- excavating and constructing foundations
- tree trimming
- installing the sign
- trenching and installing power and telecommunications cables
- testing the sign.

How will the work affect you?
The work will involve the use of machinery which may generate some noise. We will make every effort to minimise its impact, including completing the noisier tasks by 11pm.

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

Lane closures may be in place and may affect travel times. 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.
Contact
If you have any questions, please contact our delivery partner, DownerMouchel, on 1800 332 660 or nsw_projects@downermouchel.com. For more information on our projects, please visit rms.nsw.gov.au.

How do permanent electronic message signs improve traffic flow?
There are about 200 signs throughout NSW. They are programmed by the Transport Management Centre (TMC), which manages and monitors the road network 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

We place signs before key journey decision points to provide real-time updates to road users. This allows them to make more informed decisions about their route and can improve travel times by giving them the right information at the right point on the network so they can avoid delays.

For more information on our permanent electronic message signs, please visit our website at rms.nsw.gov.au and search 'electronic message signs'.

If you need help understanding this information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call us on 1800 332 660.