Safety work to start on Great Western Highway upgrade through Mount Victoria village

November 2015

The Australian and New South Wales governments have provided $250 million to improve safety and travel conditions along the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow. Roads and Maritime Services has finalised designs and awarded the contract for the village upgrade to start.

Roads and Maritime has appointed a contractor to construct the highway safety improvements in Mount Victoria village in three sections. Work is expected to start on section one in December 2015, weather permitting. Benefits of the safety work include:

- improvements along the existing highway, including changes to intersections to make them safer
- widened road shoulders
- concrete footpaths for pedestrian access.

Work is expected to be completed on all three sections of the safety upgrade in 2017.

What will the upgrade look like?

First step of the upgrade will be to relocate utility services and remove trees and vegetation along the Great Western Highway. Following completion of the highway safety upgrade, the area will be landscaped with trees, shrubs and groundcover. Selected trees will be planted between Cecil Road and Mount Piddington Road and from Kanimbla Valley Road to Fairy Dell Road. The landscape design aims to retain the qualities of the Blue Mountains highway experience.

What will happen during the work?

The majority of the work will be carried out Monday to Friday from 7am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am to 1pm. Some night work may be required and residents and businesses will be informed before any night work starts. The speed limit will be reduced during construction for safety reasons.

Access to properties will be maintained and portable variable message signs (VMS) will be in place to advise road users of changes to traffic conditions. Roads and Maritime is committed to working with the community and will try to minimise the impact to nearby properties and traffic on the highway while work is being carried out.

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Key features of the upgrade as shown in the December 2014 community update

Section 1 – Browntown Oval to west of Victoria Falls Road
Between 400 metres west of Browntown Oval and 240 metres west of Victoria Falls Road

LEGEND
- Widened sealed road shoulders
- New footpath
- New safety barrier

Section 2 – East of Harley Avenue to east of Station Street
Between 200 metres east of Harley Avenue and 20 metres east of Station Street

LEGEND
- New footpath
- New kerb and gutter

Section 3 – West of Station Street to Mount York Road
Between 90 metres west of Station Street and immediately west of Mount York Road

LEGEND
- Widened sealed road shoulders
- New footpath
- New kerb and gutter