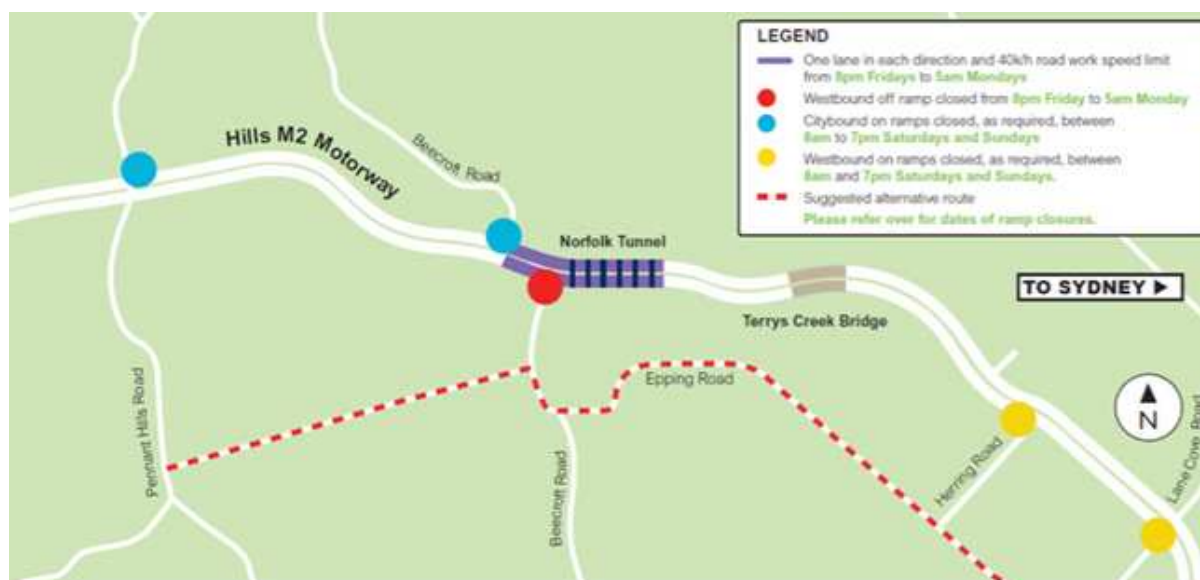


Demolition of the Beecroft Road Bus Ramp

The Beecroft Road bus ramp will be demolished over three consecutive weekends from **8pm Fridays to 5am Mondays** starting **Friday 10 February 2012** (weather permitting).

This work is essential to allow the construction of the additional lane in each direction of the motorway at this location and the reinstatement of 100km/h sign-posted speeds on the motorway between Lance Cove Road and Windsor Road, including the Norfolk Tunnel at Epping.



Questions and answers

Q: When will the demolition occur?

A: The work to demolish the bus ramp will be carried out over three weekends, from 8pm Friday to 5am Monday, starting on 10 February 2012. The dates and times of work include:

8pm Friday 10 February – 5am Monday 13 February

8pm Friday 17 February – 5am Monday 20 February

8pm Friday 24 February – 5am Monday 27 February

(Contingency) 8pm Friday 2 March – 5am Monday 5 March

Q: Can I still use the Hills M2 during these hours?

A: Yes. Motorists will still be able to use the Hills M2 Motorway during these hours. **One lane will be open in each direction.**

Delays can be expected so motorists may consider alternative routes such as Carlingford Road and Epping Road.

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Q: What lanes on the motorway will be closed?

A: One lane in each direction will remain open. Traffic on the motorway under Beecroft Road Bridge will be diverted to the opposite carriageway from where the work is being undertaken and a contra-flow arrangement will be in place.

In addition the following ramps will be closed:

- The westbound Beecroft Road off ramp will be closed from **8pm Friday 10 February to 5am Monday 13 February** only.
- The citybound Pennant Hills Road and Beecroft Road on ramps will be closed, as required, between **8am and 7pm Saturdays and Sundays** on all three weekends.
- The westbound Herring Road and Lane Cove Road on ramps will be closed, as required, between **8am and 7pm Saturdays and Sundays** on all three weekends.

Q: Is anything else happening on the motorway at the same time?

A: Tunnel excavation work will continue on Friday night to early Monday morning. This work will coincide with the bus ramp demolition in order to minimise the total number of days where work will take place on the motorway. Median widening work will be undertaken west of the Terrys Creek Bridge, North Epping and a concrete pour will be undertaken over the Devlins Creek Bridge during this period.

Q: Why is it necessary to carry out the work over weekends rather than during week nights?

A: The work must be undertaken on weekends in order to ensure the motorway is open for peak hours. The demolition of the bus ramp is a large job that requires considerable equipment mobilisation in order to undertake the work and make the site safe.

Due to the extensive program of work required to mobilise and carry out the demolition activities, the team require a multiple shifts to conduct the work.

Q: Why have these weekends been selected for the work?

A: The work has been scheduled for February to avoid traffic impacts associated with the Sydney Harbour Bridge resurfacing work in January. To delay works into March would cause greater delays and inconvenience for motorists due to higher traffic volumes.

Q: What impacts are expected during the demolition work?

A: Delays to citybound and westbound traffic are expected, particularly during the middle of the day on Saturdays and Sundays due to reduced lanes and speed limits. Motorists are advised to consider alternative routes.

Q: What alternative route should motorists consider during the work to avoid delays?

A: Motorists are encouraged to plan their trip to avoid delays and to consider using alternative routes such as Epping Road and Carlingford Road.

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To help the flow of traffic during the weekend work, clearways will be in place along sections of alternate routes on Saturdays and Sundays from 6am to 7pm on the following roads:

- Epping Road (from Lane Cove Road to Beecroft Road)
- Beecroft Road (from Lyne Road to Epping Road)
- Carlingford Road (from Beecroft Road to Pennant Hills Road)
- Pennant Hills Road (from Hills M2 ramps to Marsden Road)

Q: How is the team managing impacts on motorists?

A: There will be some delays during this work. Steps will be taken to ensure motorists and the community are informed of the planned work and decide whether to use the motorway or consider an alternative route, these include:

- Roadside electronic signs on local roads and entrances to the motorway.
- Weekly traffic alerts providing a two week look ahead.
- Notifications for local residents.
- Advertisements in local and metropolitan newspapers and on drive time radio.
- Information on the Hills M2, Hills M2 Upgrade and RMS websites.

Q. Will the toll be removed while this work is carried out?

A: No, the toll will remain in place during the upgrade project. The toll is an access charge for use of the motorway. It is set at a specific rate to cover the costs of construction of the motorway and ongoing maintenance.

We are encouraging motorists to consider using alternative routes during this work. However if motorists choose to use the motorway the toll will remain in place.

If the toll was reduced during construction, the number of motorists using the motorway would increase, resulting in more congestion and less opportunity to undertake the construction and a longer construction period.

Motorists will be provided information about the planned work – including through media information, traffic alerts, electronic signs, the RMS and Hills M2 website and community information.

Q: Why does the bus ramp need to be demolished?

A: Removal of the existing Beecroft Road bus ramp is a critical part of the Hills M2 Upgrade project in order to establish a third lane on the motorway at this location and allow the reinstatement of 100km/h sign-posted speeds through the Norfolk Tunnel at Epping.

Q. When was the bus ramp first closed?

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A: The Beecroft Road bus ramp was permanently closed on 15 January 2011. Since then, the area has been used as a work zone for Beecroft Road Bridge and a compound site.

Q: Was the community able to comment on the closure of the bus ramp?

A: The environmental assessment released in 2010 included detailed information about work in the area. Page 64 of the environmental assessment referred to the demolition of the bus ramp: http://www.hillsm2upgrade.com.au/files/environmental_assessment/volume1/m2ueavol1ch91aoperationtia.pdf. The community was provided an opportunity to comment on the closure and responses were provided through the RMSs' submissions report.

Q: What were the impacts of the ramp's closure in January 2011?

A: Only two bus routes (611 and 740) were affected by the ramp closure. On an average day, the stops serviced by the ramp were used by 110 bus passengers.

Q: How will bus commuters benefit from the upgrade?

A: Around 99.5 percent of the 27,000 bus passengers that use the motorway on the average weekday will benefit from the establishment of the third lane.

Bus patrons will benefit from a 5 minute travel time saving to a 40 minute trip (12 percent) from Seven Hills to Macquarie Park as a result of the upgrade.

Q: How can I find out more about what is happening?

A: For more information please contact us on enquiries@hillsm2upgrade.com.au or 1800 196 266 (option 2).

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