

M2 Upgrade



WELCOME TO THE M2 UPGRADE PROJECT

DECEMBER 2010

Message from the Project Director

The M2 Upgrade was approved by the Minister for Planning on 21 October 2010. Work on the upgrade will commence in December and will take around two years to complete. The upgrade will generally widen the existing motorway between Windsor Road, Baulkham Hills, and Lane Cove Road, North Ryde and deliver four new ramps to improve access to the motorway.

I am committed to keeping you informed throughout the life of the project. Before work gets started, my team will contact you to provide information about work in your area.

This is the first of regular community updates to residents and businesses along the motorway corridor. This update outlines important information about what to expect during the first three months of work.

We will ensure every effort is made to minimise impacts on the local community, however, the work is considerable and there will be noise and other impacts.

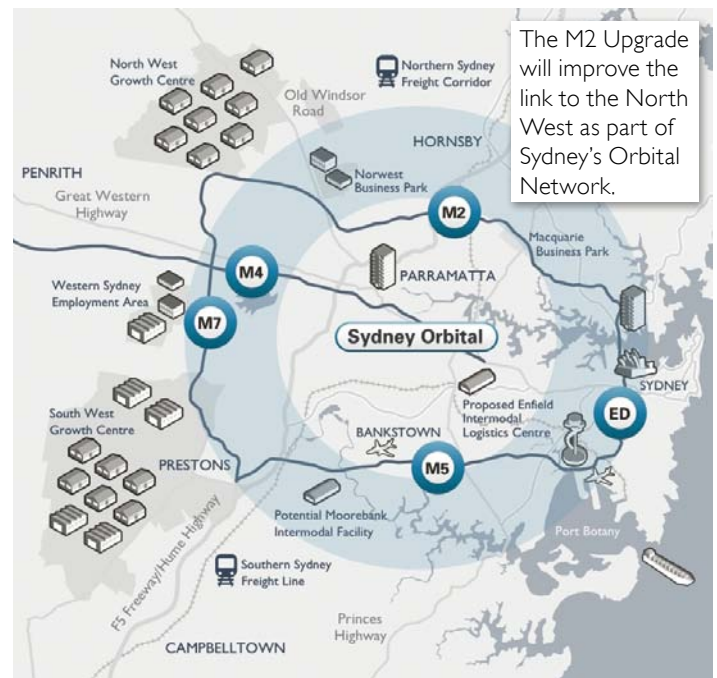
Should you have any enquiries, contact my team on our freecall community information line on 1800 196 266. The line will operate 24 hours, 7 days a week during construction so your queries can be answered quickly. To help you enjoy the festive season, we will plan work to minimise impacts on the local community and motorists during this period.

Regards,

Andrew Marsonet – Project Director, Leighton Contractors

The M2 Upgrade will:

- Reduce congestion during busy morning and afternoon periods.
- Restore a 100km/h speed limit along the westbound carriageway from Lane Cove Road to Beecroft Road.
- Provide new entry/exit points to improve access to the north west from Windsor Road and Sydney's growing residential and business centres in Macquarie Park.



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THREE MONTH LOOK AHEAD

December 2010






- Continue work on the alternative cycle route.
- Start setup of the North Ryde compound site for main project office.

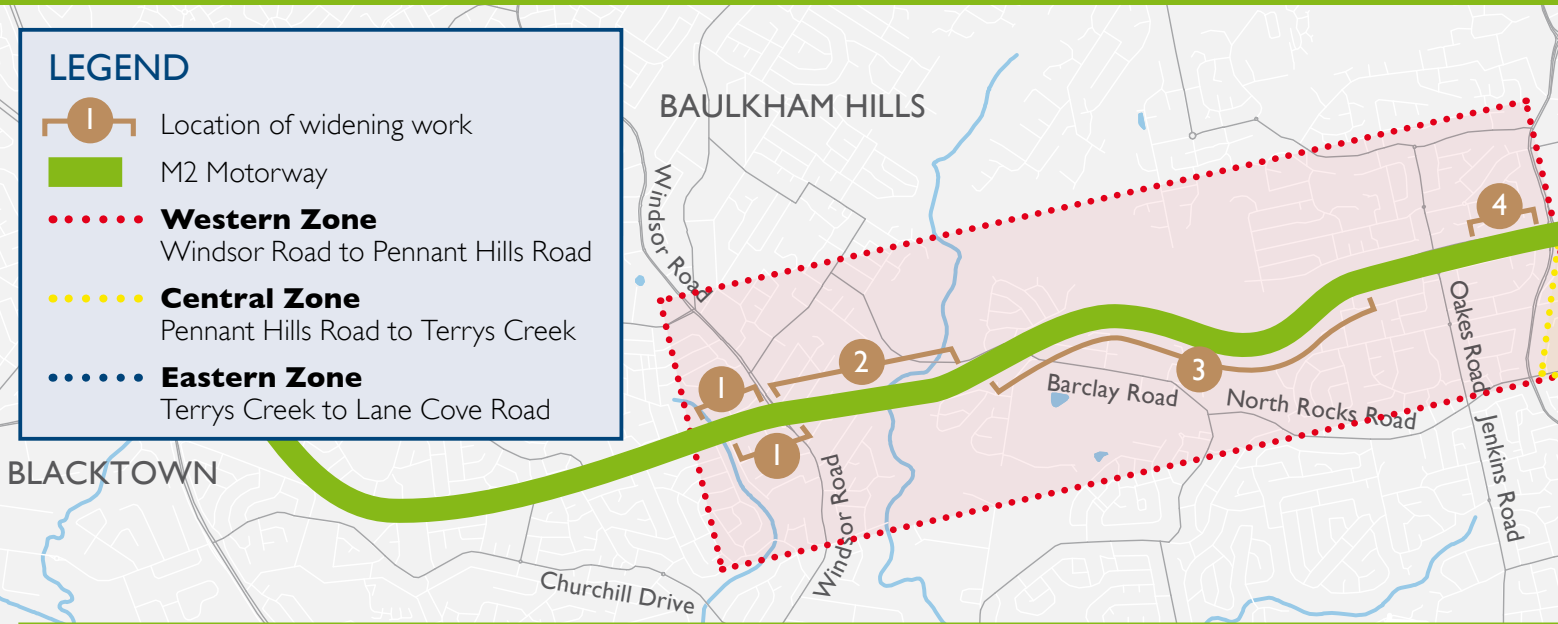
January – February 2011

- Start constructing motorway crossovers – this will require night work. Crossovers allow safe access across the motorway median at numerous points for construction and emergency vehicles.
- Continue setup of the North Ryde compound site.
- Open the alternative cycle route and close cyclists' access to the motorway.
- Reduce the motorway speed limit as work zones are established.
- Start installing concrete barriers along the motorway to separate the work area from traffic – requires night work.
- Start vegetation clearing along the motorway.
- Start service relocations: power, water, gas and communications.
- Setup of various work compounds.
- Start site preparation including fencing, earthworks and site access roads.
- Close the Beecroft Road bus ramp.
- Remove some existing noise walls – separate notifications will be provided to local residents.
- Start major work in each zone. Activities include earthworks, drainage preparation and the start of pavement, ramp, bridge and eastbound tunnel work.
- Start foundation work (piling) for various bridge lengthenings.

TIMEFRAMES ARE ESTIMATES ONLY AND MAY CHANGE DUE TO FACTORS SUCH AS WEATHER.

LEGEND

-  Location of widening work
-  M2 Motorway
-  **Western Zone**
Windsor Road to Pennant Hills Road
-  **Central Zone**
Pennant Hills Road to Terrys Creek
-  **Eastern Zone**
Terrys Creek to Lane Cove Road



- 1 Construction of Windsor Road west facing ramps on both sides and widening of Windsor Road at M2 Motorway interchange.
- 2 Windsor Road to Barclay Road widening on north side.
- 3 Barclay Road to west of Pennant Hills Road widening on south side.
- 4 Pennant Hills Road eastbound off ramp widening on north side.
- 5 Pennant Hills Road to Murray Farm Road bridge widening median and filling gap between east and westbound bridges of Devlins Creek.
- 6 Pennant Hills Road to Kent Street pedestrian overpass widening on south side.
- 7 Murray Farm Road bridge area widening on north side.
- 8 Beecroft Road to Somerset Street widening on south side.

Standard work hours will be:

- 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday
- 8am to 1pm Saturday

However, out of hours work will be required. The project team will program the noisiest work to occur during the daytime and before midnight where possible.

Noise reduction measures include respite periods for noisy work and the use of noise barriers.



Changes on the motorway

During construction, traffic will continue to use two eastbound lanes during the morning peak, three westbound lanes during the afternoon peak to west of Beecroft Road and two lanes continuing west along the motorway.

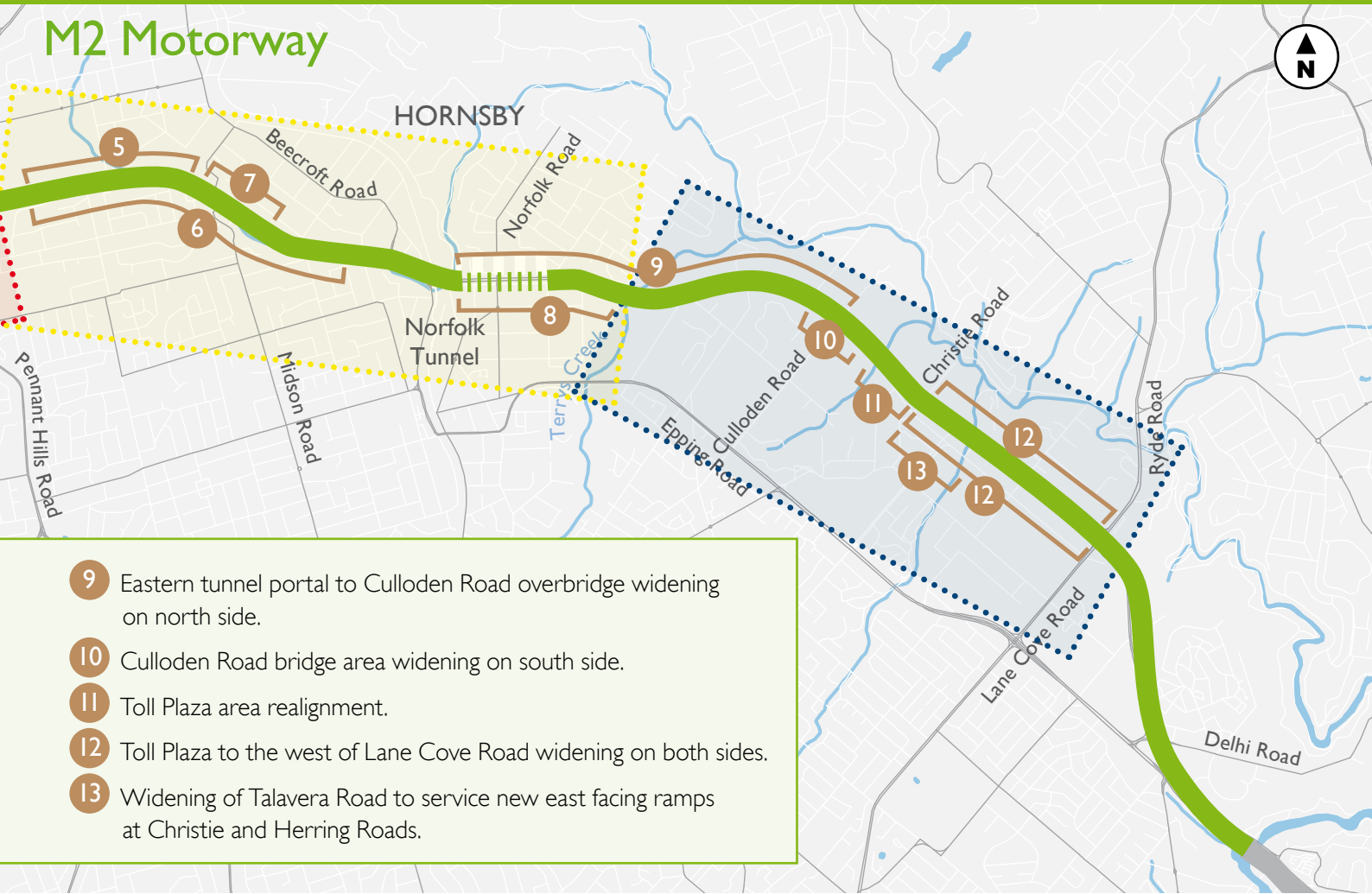
Speed limits will be:

- 80 km/h west of Beecroft Road
- 60 km/h east of Beecroft Road
- 40 km/h during changed conditions at night

Outside of the weekday peak periods, expect changes to traffic such as temporary lane closures, particularly at night. Signs will notify drivers of changed traffic conditions in advance of entering the motorway and will direct drivers around the work areas.

Traffic updates will be provided with signage, radio and newspaper advertising and on the following websites: www.hillsm2upgrade.com.au, www.hillsm2.com.au and <http://livetraffic.rta.nsw.gov.au/>

M2 Motorway



- 9 Eastern tunnel portal to Culloden Road overbridge widening on north side.
- 10 Culloden Road bridge area widening on south side.
- 11 Toll Plaza area realignment.
- 12 Toll Plaza to the west of Lane Cove Road widening on both sides.
- 13 Widening of Talavera Road to service new east facing ramps at Christie and Herring Roads.

Public transport

Bus services will continue to use the motorway throughout construction. One dedicated bus lane will be used by buses and taxis for eastbound travel during the morning peak and for westbound travel in the afternoon peak. The bus lane is located between Windsor Road and Kent Street footbridge.

Information will be provided by service providers in advance of any change affecting bus users.

The Beecroft Road bus ramp will be permanently closed in early 2011. The area will initially be used as a compound site and later demolished to widen the motorway. Bus routes 611 and 740 will change. Passengers currently using these services should check with Hillsbus or Busways to confirm details of these changes. See www.hillsbus.com.au or www.busways.com.au for more details on bus timetable changes.

Access

Pedestrians and cyclists will be advised of changes to access in advance via signage, letterbox drops and the project website.

In most cases, heavy vehicles will access work areas from the motorway. In some locations, due to steep terrain or the need to work from under the motorway, access to work areas will need to be via local streets.

Compound sites

The project will use several compound sites to store materials and equipment. Some compounds may operate outside of standard work hours. Residents near compound sites will be notified before setup of each compound.



Artist's impression shows westbound traffic at Beecroft Road exit. On completion of the upgrade works, the breakdown lanes would be reinstated along the full length of the motorway in both directions.

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Changes to noise walls

To accommodate widening work and new ramps, it will be necessary to:

- Relocate 22 noise walls.
- Raise the height of one noise wall.
- Construct two new noise walls in the Macquarie Park/Marsfield area.

In some locations, it is not possible to construct new noise walls prior to removing the existing one. Removing the existing noise wall and constructing the new noise wall will be carried out as quickly as possible.

Noise mitigation

Reducing noise during construction may include:

- Erecting temporary noise walls.
- Placing hoardings around noisy equipment.
- Scheduling the noisiest work during standard work hours where practical.

Noise levels at each location will be measured and we will continue to liaise with property owners previously identified as eligible for architectural treatment such as double glazing of windows.

Vegetation

Clearing at the compound sites and along the length of the motorway is expected to start in January 2011. In total, approximately 21 hectares of vegetation will be cleared, including 10 hectares of native vegetation inside the motorway lease boundary. Pre-clearance flora surveys will identify hollow bearing trees that may house wildlife. Weed management, ground stabilisation, erosion controls and re-landscaping will occur.

Managing impacts

The project is subject to a range of Conditions of Approval relating to the management of environmental, construction, traffic, cyclist and noise impacts. These conditions are available on the project website (www.hillsm2upgrade.com.au – see the document links page).

Alternative cycle route

An alternative cycle route will be constructed from the Hills District to Macquarie Park and North Ryde, as a temporary detour for cyclists who will not be able to access the M2 Motorway during construction for safety reasons. Cyclists will again be able to access the motorway after construction. Visit the project website at www.hillsm2upgrade.com.au for details and a map of the alternative cycle route.

Keeping the local community informed

The local community will be kept informed on the progress of the M2 Upgrade. For more information, please visit the project website and register with your email address to receive updates.

Community information sessions – Dec 2010

You are encouraged to drop in to the community information sessions to speak with members of the M2 Upgrade project team about upcoming work in your area.

Thursday 9 December, 5pm to 8pm

Eastern zone – Terrys Creek to Lane Cove Road
North Ryde School of Arts Community Centre
201 Coxs Road, North Ryde

Tuesday 7 December, 5pm to 8pm

Central zone – Pennant Hills Road to Terrys Creek
Epping Leisure and Learning Centre
1 Chambers Court (off Pembroke Street), Epping

Saturday 11 December, 10am to 2pm

Western zone – Windsor Road to Pennant Hills Road
Winston Hills Public School Hall
Hillcrest Avenue, Winston Hills

The project team welcomes community feedback and will respond promptly to all enquiries and comments. Please see project contact details below.



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A team consisting of The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW, The Hills Motorway Limited and Hills Motorway Management Limited (as trustee of the Hills Motorway Trust).

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