Next stage of maintenance at Swan Hill Bridge from April 2020

Essential maintenance work is being carried out to ensure Swan Hill Bridge over the Murray River remains safe and efficient.

What are we doing?

Transport for NSW will install new piers, replace the scaffold walkway and carry out road surface improvements at Swan Hill Bridge over coming months.

Work is expected to start after Easter and will include some traffic impacts including night work and periodic bridge closures as work progresses. Work is expected to be completed by July 2020, weather permitting. We will contact the community with more information when work dates are finalised.
What you need to know

Work will take place in stages throughout the project. When the strengthened piers are being installed, there will be delays of up to 20 minutes for the safety of workers and road users.

While the walkway is replaced, some night closures will be necessary and pedestrians will need to cross along the deck of the bridge. Transport for NSW will maintain access for pedestrians at all times. Where possible, a number of activities will be scheduled together to limit the length of impacts on the local community.

The work will involve the use of machinery which may generate some noise. We will make every effort to minimise noise impacts.

There will be no load limits during the project.

The community will be informed of impacts before each stage starts. If you would like to receive updates directly to your inbox, please email south.west.projects@rms.nsw.gov.au to be added to the community stakeholder list.

How does this work affect planning for a new bridge?

In 2019, the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage approved a revised Timber Truss Bridge strategy. This revision identifies that Swan Hill Bridge will be eventually removed, paving the way for a new bridge over the Murray River. Investigations into the placement and design of a new bridge are in the very early stages.

While these plans progress, we must ensure the old bridge remains safe and serviceable as long as it’s needed.

The community will be kept informed throughout the planning process.

Contact

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