

Weekend work

Warringah Freeway Upgrade

August 2024



We are simplifying the Warringah Freeway, making it safer and easier to use, and more efficient and reliable for the benefit of all road users, including public transport users.

What are standard construction work hours?

Our approved standard construction hours are 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 6pm on Saturdays.

What is out of hours work?

Out of hours work is any work that takes place outside of standard construction hours. Where possible, we carry out construction work during standard construction hours. However, ongoing out of hours work is needed to maintain safety for road users and workers and to keep people moving during peak travel times.

Why is out of hours work needed?

We work outside of standard construction hours to mitigate risks, including:

- **safety** - to reduce interactions between motorists, pedestrians and workers when we are building over and next to busy roads and live traffic
- **traffic management** - when we work next to, over or on existing roads and we need to stop, detour or reduce traffic lanes
- **service and utility disruptions** - to minimise disruptions to essential services and utilities for local communities, including planned temporary water or power outages
- **oversized deliveries** - to allow delivery of oversized machinery or structures that require special arrangements to transport along public roads outside of peak travel periods.

	Standard construction hours Monday to Friday: from 7am to 6pm Saturdays: from 8am to 6pm
	Weekend work hours 12-hour period - 9pm Saturday to 9am Sunday 24-hour period - 9pm Saturday to 9pm Sunday 36-hour period - 9pm Friday to 9am Sunday 56-hour period - 9pm Friday to 5am Monday 80-hour period - 9pm Friday to 5am Tuesday

How often will out of hours work take place?

Noisy out of hours work which may impact nearby residents will be carried out for up to three nights per week, with only two consecutive nights of high-noise work per week and no more than 10 nights per month.

In April 2022, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) issued an Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) to the main works contractor, CPB DTI Joint Venture. The EPL limits how many out of hours work shifts can be carried out each week and month.



Why is extended out of hours work scheduled over the weekend?

Rather than applying the standard out of hours arrangement, we may carry out extended work across a weekend. There are two main reasons why we may do this:

- When traffic lanes are required to be closed outside of peak traffic periods.

Work that cannot be completed during reoccurring single night work shifts will be carried out over weekends. This could include installing bridge girders that require cranes to be parked on temporarily closed traffic lanes for more than seven continuous hours, greater than the time allowed during a single night work shift.

- When there is an opportunity to schedule out of hours work in a more productive way or reduce the impact of the work on the surrounding community.

More work can be completed in weekend shifts of 24, 36 or 56 consecutive hours, when compared with a series of single night shifts during the week. This ultimately reduces the duration of construction impacts on neighbouring communities.

What are the benefits of scheduling out of hours work over weekends?

Weekend work:

- increases work productivity
- shortens the overall duration of project work in an area
- reduces the number of intermittent short-term weeknight road closures by completing longer-duration traffic changes during weekends.

What hours will you work during weekend work?

The duration of each weekend of work will vary depending on the scope and complexity of the work to be completed and the traffic approvals that permit when and for how long we can temporarily close traffic lanes for.

Extended blocks of work may be:

- 12-hour periods - 9pm Saturday to 9am Sunday
- 24-hour periods - 9pm Saturday to 9pm Sunday
- 36-hour periods - 9pm Friday to 9am Sunday
- 56-hour periods - 9pm Friday to 5am Monday
- 80-hour periods - 9pm Friday to 5am Tuesday.

Will night work take place on weeknights in addition to on weekends?

When we work over a weekend, we will not schedule high-noise-impact work for two nights prior to, and two nights following the weekend work in the same area. In total, we may still work up to 10 nights per month in each area over a combination of weekday and weekend out of hours work shifts.

How does the project team try to reduce the impact of out of hours weekend work on the surrounding community?

As with all our night work activities, our work on the weekend may require the use of machinery that generates noise, light and vibration. We implement a range of measures on site to help manage our impacts. This includes:

- turning off machinery and equipment when it's not in use
- installing hoarding, noise-reducing blankets and shade cloth around our temporary construction sites, where feasible
- directing temporary lighting down and away from properties
- planning activities close to residents to occur during the daytime or early evening, where possible
- fitting equipment with devices to minimise noise, particularly non-tonal reversing beepers
- monitoring noise periodically so we can manage any potential impacts and adjust our work as needed.



Are residents living near the weekend work area provided with anything to help them manage construction noise impacts?

Residents living directly next to weekend work areas may be eligible for a respite offer. Examples of respite offers include:

- an audio sleeping eye mask with Bluetooth speaker connectivity or noise reducing ear plugs to assist with creating a better sleeping environment
- respite vouchers to assist with the cost of spending a short time away from the construction impacts near your home during daytime weekend work. Respite vouchers can be used at cinemas, cafes or shops
- alternative accommodation to stay away from your home overnight. Please note, this form of respite is triggered only when specific criteria are met.

When are residents offered alternative accommodation?

Residents who are likely to experience highly intrusive noise and vibration levels on three consecutive nights may be eligible for short-term alternative accommodation.

When accommodation is offered, we will work with eligible residents to find a suitable accommodation provider and confirm your accommodation booking.

Residents who are identified by noise assessment as meeting the criteria for alternative accommodation will be contacted directly by the project team ahead of the work. If your property is eligible, we will contact you by phone, email, in person or by leaving an offer letter in your letterbox.

How are community members informed about out of hours work?

The ways we inform the community about weekend work include:

- direct contact via door knocking and scheduled meetings with community members. Project team contact information is dropped in letterboxes for residents who are not home at time of door knocking
- direct phone/email to building management/strata representatives

- information posters installed at property noticeboards and on street poles next to the work area
- distribution of community notification in letterboxes
- project emails and/or text messages to community members and stakeholders subscribed to the project distribution lists
- updates to the Warringah Freeway Upgrade online portal
- temporary and permanent variable message signage (VMS) on the freeway and on local streets.

How do you subscribe to receive project email updates?

We have a range of subscription lists available to make sure we send tailored emails to those who will be impacted by our work.

To make sure you are subscribed to emails for your area, visit the [contact us](#) form on our project portal.

To do this, scan the QR code to register online, or contact us via whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au or 1800 931 189.



Where can I find more information online?

Our project portal is a great tool and contains comprehensive information about all aspects of the project. Please visit nswroads.work/wfuportal.

If you can't find the information you are looking for, please contact the community relations team directly on 1800 931 189 or email us whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au.

How can I provide feedback or make a complaint about out of hours work?

We are always open to feedback about how we can further reduce the impact on you during our out of hours work. Please scan the QR code to complete our out of hours work survey.

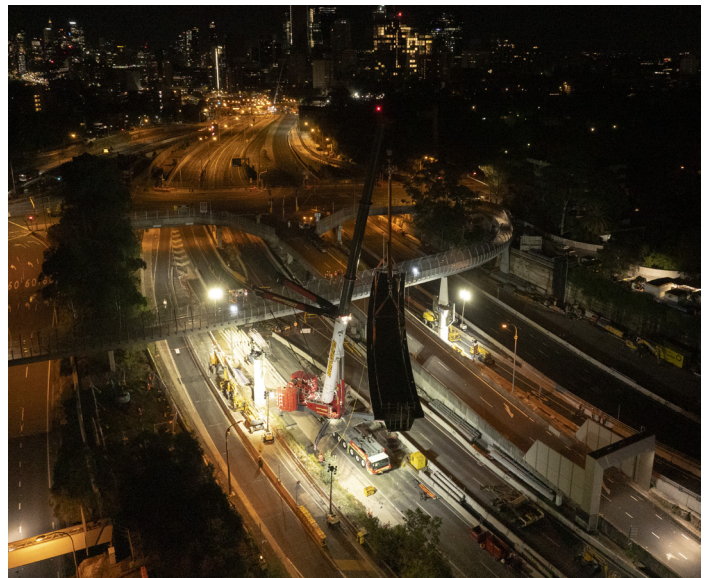




May 2024 - Weekend work at Ridge Street shared user bridge, North Sydney



June 2024 - Weekend work at Ridge Street shared user bridge, North Sydney



June 2024 - Weekend work at Falcon Street shared user bridge, Cammeray

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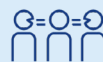
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