

## Media Release

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### Work on the Hills M2 during the Australia Day holiday

Roadwork to widen the Hills M2 motorway Norfolk Tunnel will continue on the Australia Day when traffic volumes on the motorway are low.

Work in the citybound tunnel will be carried out from **8pm Wednesday 25 January to 5am Friday 27 January 2012.**

“This work is expected to have some impact on motorists, with short delays expected. In previous years traffic on the motorway during Australia Day is considerably lower than average levels,” said a project spokesperson.

“Existing night time widening will be extended through the day on Australia Day, 26 January. Traffic will be able to access the entire motorway during the work with at least one lane in each direction through the Norfolk Tunnel during the road work.

“Citybound traffic will be diverted to the westbound carriageway under a contra-flow arrangement. Speed limits will be reduced to 40km/h in the contra-flow area. Please drive carefully, allow extra travel time and follow the signs.

“During morning and afternoon peak travel periods, an additional lane will be made available for vehicles travelling in the peak direction. Two citybound lanes and one westbound lane will be available in the morning peak, while in the afternoon, two westbound lanes and one citybound lane will be available.”

All motorway on and off-ramps will be open during these work times.

For further information please contact the Hills M2 Upgrade project team on 1800 196 266 (select option 2) or visit the project website at [www.hillsm2upgrade.com.au](http://www.hillsm2upgrade.com.au).

#### Traffic Changes:

- **One lane will be available in each direction during the work.** Traffic will be diverted through a contra-flow configuration with both lanes travelling through the westbound tunnel and then diverting to the citybound lanes adjacent the bus ramp.
- **Two lanes available in peak demand direction.** Two citybound lanes and one westbound lane will be available in the morning peak. In the afternoon peak, two westbound lanes and one citybound lane will be available.
- **Bus services and emergency services will not be affected** by the road work and will be provided access to motorway on-ramps during closures.

**Fully electronic toll collection will commence on the Hills M2 and Eastern Distributor from 30 January. Motorists using the motorways from this date will be required to pay tolls using existing electronic tags or temporary pass products.**

**On-motorway cash payments will no longer be available from 30 January, so motorists without a valid payment arrangement, have up to 48 hours after their first trip to make an arrangement. Roam Express e-TAG and visitor's ePASS can be accessed from [www.roamexpress.com.au](http://www.roamexpress.com.au) or 13 76 26.**

**Further information regarding other tolling products can be access at [www.sydneymotorways.com](http://www.sydneymotorways.com).**

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## Further information

For more information on the Hills M2 Upgrade, visit [www.hillsm2upgrade.com.au](http://www.hillsm2upgrade.com.au) or contact 1800 196 266 or via [enquiries@hillsm2upgrade.com.au](mailto:enquiries@hillsm2upgrade.com.au).

For up to date traffic information contact the Transport Management Centre at [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or 132 701.

For up to date information on bus services contact 131 500 or your bus service provider Hillsbus (02) 9890 0000 or Busways - (02) 9625 8900.

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