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Next round of maintenance for Historic Swan Hill Bridge

Work will start on the next stage of maintenance on the Swan Hill Bridge this month.

Transport for NSW Director South West Lindsay Tanner said the historic bridge across the Murray River has been undergoing ongoing maintenance during the past few years to ensure the bridge continues to service the needs of the community and freight between NSW and Victoria.

“The state heritage-listed bridge has been a centrepiece of the Swan Hill area for the last 124 years, and has served the community throughout this time, despite the world rapidly changing around it,” Mr Tanner said.

“The NSW and Victorian governments jointly fund maintenance on the iconic timber truss bridge, and have worked over the last few years to remove width restrictions and strengthen the structure to allow access for heavy vehicles and heavy duty agricultural machinery.

“This work allows the bridge to remain safe and serviceable until a new bridge is built at Swan Hill. Investigations into the placement and design of a new bridge are in the very early stages.”

The upcoming stage of maintenance work will further strengthen the bridge by installing new piers, while the road surface will be improved for all road users. Work to replace the scaffold walkway will also be carried out this year, to better serve pedestrians and cyclists.

Work will be carried out during day shifts while the bridge remains open to ensure the work is completed as quickly as possible to minimise disruption to motorists and the local community.

Work will be carried out from 7am to 6pm from Monday to Saturday starting Monday 11 May and continuing to the end of July, weather permitting.

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions and follow the directions of signs and traffic control.

Transport for NSW thanks motorists for their patience during this time.

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