



Martin Bridge, Taree

Roads and Maritime Services has completed investigations at Martin Bridge in preparation for the upcoming maintenance program. The findings have determined the program of work and delivery options.

The community is invited to provide feedback on these options by 11 April 2014. Comments received will be considered to finalise the program delivery schedule.

Proposed maintenance program

The proposed work is required to meet current bridge and B-double route standards, reduce future damage to the bridge and address maintenance needs.

The work is planned to start by mid 2014 and would involve installing a new traffic safety barrier along the full length of the bridge and repairing trusses which have been damaged by vehicle collisions.

The work is expected to take up to 12 months to complete. Due to the high volumes of traffic on the bridge during the day, work on the bridge would be carried out at night Sunday to Thursday between 7pm and 4am to minimise disruption to motorists. The bridge would remain open during night work with changed traffic conditions in place including single lane closures and reduced speed limits. Traffic control would be in place to direct motorists.

Work would also be carried out on the underside of the bridge from a barge Monday to Friday between 7am and 5pm. An exclusion zone for watercraft would be established around the barge but there would be no changed traffic conditions for motorists.

There would be no night work on public holidays and any night work during school holidays would be kept to a minimum.

Outcomes of investigations

The investigations carried out in November and December 2013 involved:

- Inspecting and testing of the damaged steel beams that make up the trusses
- Identifying beams within the trusses which need to be repaired
- Surveying to mark out the layout of the new safety barrier.

The outcomes of the investigations helped to finalise the methodology for the installation of the new traffic safety barrier. The scope and method of repair for the damaged beams within the bridge trusses is yet to be finalised. More information on this part of the program of work along with the delivery timetable would be provided to the community in mid 2014.

Proposed delivery options for safety barrier installation

Option 1 – Four blocks of work, totalling 43 weeks



Option 2 – Six blocks of work, totalling 45 weeks



 Day work (no traffic disruptions)  Night work (single lane closures on bridge)

Timing of the options is indicative only and subject to change due to public holidays or school holidays during night work. Wet weather may change dates and times for the work.

Options for installation of the traffic safety barrier

Roads and Maritime has investigated different options to deliver the new safety barrier with minimised inconvenience to residents, stakeholders and the community. These options are detailed below for feedback from the community. Comments received will be considered in the delivery of the maintenance program.

The work would have noise impacts for nearby properties and every effort would be made to minimise the effect of noise on residents during the work.

Next steps

Roads and Maritime will consider feedback provided by the community and stakeholders to finalise the program delivery schedule. The maintenance program is expected to start by mid 2014.

The proposed maintenance work would be disruptive to motorists, nearby properties and a range of stakeholders. Roads and Maritime would continue to work with the community and stakeholders during the planning process to understand and consider issues of concern.

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Your comments are invited by 11 April 2014.

For more information

The community is invited to drop in to a staffed display to be held on 1 April 2014 from 4pm to 7pm at the Manning Valley Visitor Information Centre theatre, car parking available via Centenarians Way, Taree. More information is also available at:

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