



Martin Bridge, Taree

Roads and Maritime Services will be carrying out investigations at Martin Bridge in preparation for a major maintenance program to be carried out in 2014. The investigations will help determine the program of work and how it will be delivered.

As part of the planning process, Roads and Maritime is investigating different options to deliver the work with minimum inconvenience to residents, stakeholders and the community.

Options for delivering the work will be presented for community feedback in early 2014 and comments received will be considered when finalising 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 a minimum of 12 months to complete. Due to the high volumes of traffic on the bridge during the day, work would be carried out at night to minimise disruptions to motorists.

The bridge would remain open during night work with changed traffic conditions in place including reduced speed limits, single lane closures and traffic control at sections of the bridge where work is being carried out. There would be no night work during school holidays or on public holidays.

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Investigations

The investigations starting 24 November 2013 could take up to six weeks to complete. They involve:

- Inspecting the damaged steel trusses
- Identifying the trusses which need to be repaired
- Surveying to mark the layout of the new safety barrier.

Investigations on the bridge will be carried out at night Sunday to Thursday between 8pm and 4am to minimise disruption to motorists. The bridge will remain open during night work with changed traffic conditions in place including single lane closures and reduced speed limits. Traffic control will be in place to direct motorists.

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

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

No work will be carried out between 18 December 2013 and 12 January 2014.

Involving the community and stakeholders

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

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Next steps

Upcoming planning activities include investigations at the bridge from 24 November 2013 and community consultation on program delivery options early next year.

Roads and Maritime will finalise the program delivery schedule for public display ahead of the maintenance program starting by mid 2014.

Further information

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