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Have your say – Proposed schedule for essential maintenance closures in August 2015

The NSW Government is funding a major maintenance program for Martin Bridge at Taree to meet current bridge and B-double route standards, reduce future damage to the bridge and address maintenance needs. This update provides information on the second stage of work including the proposed timing for essential maintenance closures.

Roads and Maritime Services would like to thank the community for their patience and cooperation during the delivery of the major maintenance program at Martin Bridge, Taree.

The first stage of work to install the new traffic safety barrier along the full length of the bridge has been completed. Work will now start on the second stage of work to repair and replace steel trusses which have been damaged by vehicle collisions.

This work will continue on from the first stage works and is expected to be **completed by the end of August 2015**. The work hours and traffic arrangements will be consistent with the first stage night works.

Due to high volumes of traffic on the bridge during the day, work on the bridge will be carried out at night **Sunday to Thursday between 7pm and 5am** to minimise disruption to motorists.

The bridge will remain open during the 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.

A temporary 40km/h speed limit will be in place during the work and motorists may experience short delays.

There will be some noise impacts associated with the work, however every effort will be made to minimise these impacts on nearby residents and businesses.

Proposed bridge closures

Some of the work to repair and replace steel beams in the bridge trusses requires closing the bridge to traffic to ensure the safety of workers and motorists.

We have considered the feedback received during the project planning in 2014 to develop a schedule for the bridge closures which aims to minimise inconvenience to motorists and community.

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Single-night closures are required. It is proposed to carry out the closures on Sunday nights, which is the least disruptive time for motorists and the community using the bridge.

The proposed closures schedule is provided below.

Bridge closure	Date	Time
Full bridge closure with detour	9 August 2015	8pm – 5am
Full bridge closure with detour	16 August 2015	8pm – 5am
Full bridge closure with detour	23 August 2015	8pm – 5am
Full bridge closure with detour	30 August 2015	8pm – 5am

Proposed detour

During the closures, a detour will be in place via the Pacific Highway and Cundletown as shown in the map below.

Detour route – 17 kilometres or 20 minutes travel time.



Have your say

We are inviting the community and stakeholders to comment on the timing for the proposed bridge closures. Feedback will be considered to finalise the maintenance schedule.

Please send us your feedback by **21 July 2015** via:

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We will continue to work with the community and stakeholders during the delivery of the work to understand issues of concern and minimise work impacts.

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