

Start of work on Martin Bridge, Taree from Monday 18 May

The NSW Government is investing in essential maintenance to maintain the structural integrity of Martin Bridge and to reduce future maintenance costs.

Transport for NSW will carry out the work which includes repairing and repainting the existing steel on the bridge. The scope of work involves encapsulating each span to remove and dispose of existing paint and apply three coats of new paint. Each span will take around two months to complete.

Martin Bridge is a significant bridge located over an important waterway. Transport has worked closely with our contractors to develop a way to deliver the work to minimise impacts on the Manning River and the local environment.

In addition we are making sure that we minimise impacts on the local community and road users by delivering the project with very limited night work and minimal short bridge closures. We expect to complete the project in late 2022, weather permitting.

Work to establish the site compounds at the south eastern and northern ends of the bridge will start on **Monday 18 May**. The maintenance work on the bridge will start from **Thursday 11 June**. We will be working between **6am** and **4pm** from **Monday to Friday**.

Access will be available across the bridge during work activities. Most of the repainting work will be carried out during the day with minor disruption to motorists and pedestrians. However full bridge closures may be required for up to 15 minutes on limited occasions during the night, to facilitate isolated plant or equipment movements. These will be managed to minimise traffic disruptions and avoid the need for detours. We will advise the community in advance of these short bridge closures occurring.

How will the work affect you?

The work will involve the use of machinery which generates some noise. We will make every effort to minimise noise by turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use.

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe. Temporary lane closures and a 40km/h speed limit will be in place during work hours and may affect travel times.

Work will also be undertaken from a barge under the bridge with part of the river closed to marine traffic and a 4 knot speed restriction in place.

Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Contact

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Thank you for your patience during this important work.



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