

NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS: RANKIN PARK TO JESMOND
ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE MONTHLY REPORT
January 2021

Reporting Period: 1 to 31 January 2021

PROJECT SUMMARY: Delivery of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass (NICB) Rankin Park to Jesmond (RP2J) project has been broken into four stages:

Stage 1: Detailed design investigations and low impact works – in progress.

Stage 2: Share Path Bridge – under construction

Stage 3: Southern Utilities relocation works – pre-work planning

Stage 4: Main RP2J road construction – detailed design.

Works underway:

- Stage 1: No work in January
- Stage 2: Daracon is constructing Bridge 7 - Shared Path Bridge.
- Stage 3: No work in January
- Stage 4: No work in January

January 2021 Completed Works:

Shared Path Bridge

- Newcastle Road asphalt and line marking
- Granular pavement layers and spray seal of Coles Street
- Concrete V-drain behind sandstone wall
- Concrete mow strip Newcastle Road South side
- Continue landscaping works

February 2021 Upcoming Works:

Shared Path Bridge

- Asphalt and Line marking of Coles Street
- Installation of the Guard rail on Coles Street
- Signposting
- Coles Street pedestrian crossing blister



ER Activity:

Reviews/Approvals/Advice

- OOHW No. 18: Asphalt Works: Review and approve (amended due to postponed works (wet weather))
- Briefing Backup ER on Project. Primary ER was called to Jury Duty.

Inspections

- A site inspection was held on 14th January 2020 with the ER, TfNSW and Daracon.
- A Joint ER/TfNSW inspection report was issued to TfNSW and Daracon.

Environmental Group Meetings / Site Meetings

- There was no project meeting held in January 2021. The first meeting of the year was held on the 2nd February 2021.
- ERGs are not being held for the Shared Path Bridge or low impact works; however, inspections and project briefing meetings will be undertaken monthly.

Audits

- There were no ER audits held in January.

Stop Work Notices

- There were no Stop Work Notices in January.

Incidents

- There was one incident in January.

15th January 2021 - Diesel Spill (Night Works)

A tipper truck idling in the west bound shoulder on Newcastle Road waiting to be loaded with material was leaking small amounts of diesel from the left-hand side fuel cap. Initially, the fluid on the ground was dismissed for water leaking out of the air conditioner, however upon further inspection it was determined that diesel was also leaking. Loose absorbent granules were placed on the spill immediately and no diesel entered the nearby stormwater pit. The truck's (a 6-Wheeler) driver tightened and secured the fuel cap. A toolbox was completed on the incident as a reminder to check that fuel caps are adequately tightened.



CEMP, CEMPP & Minister's Conditions of Approval

Reports

- MCoA A26(k): Environmental Representative Monthly Report (December 2020) – Prepared and uploaded (DPIE Portal): 15th January 2020.

Monitoring

- No monitoring is required for the SPB.

Community Consultation and Complaints

- A complaint was received regarding the level difference of the path across Coles Street. This was due to preparing for pavement works. To remedy this, a temporary cold mix ramp was installed.

Project Positives

- The project site can now be considered almost completely protected from inclement weather with the completion of all drainage elements, spray sealing of Coles Street and mulching of landscaped areas
- Completion of Newcastle Street asphalt works and removal of temporary traffic controls



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Site Images – Stage 2: Shared Path Bridge (SPB), Jesmond



Image 1: Cnr of Newcastle Rd and Robinson Ave



Image 2: Southside SPB entry and landscaping



Image 3: SPB and access ramp (southside)



Image 4: Landscaping (southside)



Image 5: Coles Street (looking West)



Image 6: Newcastle Road (looking East)

