



Dora Creek Bridge repainting

Have your say: Proposed night work schedule

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Transport for NSW acknowledges the Awabakal people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

The NSW Government is investing in a project to repaint Dora Creek Bridge to maintain the integrity of the bridge, improve visual amenity and reduce ongoing maintenance costs.

Transport for NSW is planning to repaint Dora Creek Bridge at Dora Creek.

We are seeking feedback from the community about our proposed night work schedule to reduce disruption for residents. The comments we receive will assist in finalising plans for the project.

What work are we doing?

The project involves installing scaffolding to encapsulate the bridge, removing existing paint by blasting and applying a new paint coating.

Other maintenance activities will include repairing or replacing damaged steel components and inspecting and cleaning the bridge. A new walkway will also be installed.

The existing walkway will be closed for the duration of the project, with a temporary walkway installed on scaffolding alongside the bridge.

When and where we'll be working

Timing for delivery of the project is still to be confirmed and is dependent on finalising plans and gaining environmental approval.

Work will be carried out on and under the bridge. Scaffolding will be installed under the bridge.

Site compounds will be set up at the northern and southern end of the bridge to store machinery, equipment, vehicles, and materials.

Final locations for the site compounds are still to be determined as part of the environmental assessment. The community will be notified of these sites before work starts.

Work will be delivered in sections to minimise impacts to the community.

- Work will be carried out underneath the bridge with no impact to traffic. This work will be carried out during the day and is expected to take **up to 18 months**, weather permitting. Both lanes on the bridge will be open to traffic during this day work.
- Work will be carried out underneath the bridge where it crosses over Cowell Street and Newport Road. Temporary traffic lights will be used and will be in operation 24/7 during this work. This work will be carried out during the day and is expected to take **up to four weeks** at each end of the bridge, weather permitting. Motorists may experience short delays on Cowell Street and Newport Street during this work. Both lanes of the bridge will be open to traffic during day work.
- Work will be carried out on the bridge deck and will require lane closures. This work will be carried out during the night and is expected to take up to **14 weeks**, weather permitting. A single lane closure will be in place on the bridge during this night work and motorists may experience short delays.

Traffic impacts

Transport assessed options to deliver all the work during the day, however due to the narrow carriageway on the bridge any work on the bridge deck requires lane closures. To avoid causing significant traffic delays on Main Road during the day, this work requiring lane closures can only be carried out at night.

Transport acknowledges the traffic delays caused during the rail bridge project delivered from 2021 to 2023. We have developed a traffic management plan and a program of work to minimise delays. The temporary lights on local roads will only be used for up to four weeks at each end of the bridge, weather permitting.

Transport is also progressing plans for the nearby Main Road and Dora Street intersection upgrade. Timing for this project is still to be determined. The two projects will be staged so they are not carried out at the same time to avoid any significant traffic delays and to manage community impacts.

Access for boats and other marine vessels on Dora Creek will be maintained during the work.

Noise impacts

The work will generate noise and we acknowledge this will create some disruption for residents, particularly during night work.

We will minimise noise impacts where possible including completing noisier activities like blasting earlier in the night and turning off vehicles and machinery when not in use.

We would like feedback from the community about some potential work schedules to further alleviate noise impacts where possible.

Proposed night work schedule

The full project is expected to take **up to 18 months** to complete, weather permitting. The section of work on the bridge deck can only be completed at night. Our night work hours would be from **Sunday to Thursday** nights between **6pm and 6am**.

We are proposing three delivery options for night work:

Option 1

- Working **five nights** per week for **11 weeks**

Option 2

- Working **four nights** per week for **14 weeks**

Option 3

- Working **five nights** per week for **11 weeks** with **one respite week per month** (no night work carried out during the respite week)

Have your say

We are inviting the community and stakeholders to comment on the proposed night work schedule for the repainting project.

This is your opportunity to let us know what is important to you and if you have any other comments about the project.

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Submissions close at 5pm on **Monday 9 December**.

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