



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Cooroy Belli Creek Road Bridge – Bridge Replacement Works

Summary

Work to replace the existing Cooroy Belli Creek Road Bridge in Cooroy has started. It is expected to be completed by mid-October, weather and construction conditions permitting.

The current two-lane timber bridge will be demolished, and a two-lane concrete bridge will be built in the same location. The new bridge will have a design life of 100 years and will require less maintenance than the existing bridge, which has been identified as needing replacement due to its age and condition.

Where is the project located?

The project is located at the Cooroy Belli Creek Road Bridge, approximately 100ms west of the Cooroy Belli Creek Road and Wust Road intersection in Cooroy.

How is this project funded?

This project is proudly jointly funded by the Australian Government and Noosa Council as part of the Bridge Renewal Program.

When will the work start and how long will they take?

Work started in July 2022 and will take approximately four months to complete, depending on weather and construction conditions.

What will the work include?

The work will include the replacement of the existing timber bridge with a new concrete bridge to achieve a new bridge design life of 100 years.

Why does the bridge need replacement?

Routine inspections have identified that significant maintenance will be required over the coming years to maintain the existing

timber bridge at a suitable operational standard.

Replacement of the existing timber bridge with a new concrete bridge represents better value for money than continually repairing the existing bridge. In addition, the new bridge will be constructed to meet all current safety standards including the installation of guardrails.

What are the expected impacts on the community during work?

During the bridge replacement works, the bridge will be completely closed along Cooroy Belli Creek Road.

A detour will be in place along Lawnville Road for the duration of the works which are estimated to take four months. A detour map is available on Council's webpage under the Cooroy Belli Creek Road Bridge project page.

Why has Lawnville Road been chosen as the detour route?

The detour has been located along Lawnville Road as it represents the shortest travel route along the existing road network.

Why can't a side access track be constructed next to the bridge during these works?

It is not possible to construct a side access track during the works because the track alignment would require crossing multiple private property boundaries and would cause significant vegetation clearing and environmental impacts.

Why can't one way traffic though Cooroy Belli Creek Road be maintained during construction works?

The safe construction of the new bridge including the piles and headwalls requires the full width of the existing timber bridge to be demolished and full road width to be utilised as the construction area. Therefore, it is not possible to keep a single lane open during the works.

Will these works impact the surrounding environment?

Flora and fauna management plans for the construction work have been developed to manage and protect the surrounding environment. The new bridge has also been carefully designed to minimise impacts to the surrounding environment during construction.

Will residents along Cooroy Belli Creek Rd be able to access their properties?

Yes – Residents along Cooroy Belli Creek Road will have access to their properties via their driveways and easements for the full duration of works.

Will the school bus route along Cooroy Belli Creek Road be affected by the road closure?

Yes – The school bus routes will have to use the detour route along Lawnville Road, however school buses will be able to access Cooroy Belli Creek Road to perform pick up and drop off services.

Translink, local schools and school bus operators have been informed of the construction work. Bus service providers will inform patrons of any changes to their services, during the construction.

How will residents rubbish be collected along Cooroy Belli Creek Road?

Cleanaway will continue to collect rubbish along Cooroy Belli Creek Road. Please note rubbish collection may take longer than usual due to the detour route in place.

What are the working days, hours and will there be any noise associated with the works?

Bridge replacement works will be undertaken Monday to Friday between 7:00am and 6:00pm. During construction works noise will be kept to a minimum and nearby residents will be informed of any works that cause excessive amounts of noise prior to the works commencing.

Will Emergency Services be aware of the road closure and detour route in place?

Emergency Services have been briefed on the road closures and detour route, and in case of emergency will be able to gain access to all properties from either end of Cooroy Belli Creek Road.

How do I prevent becoming isolated during a natural disaster event?

Residents will be informed about road closures and detours prior to works commencing. You can use this information to inform your personal disaster planning. Road closures will be published on Council's disaster dashboard on disaster.noosa.qld.gov.au

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