

MEDIA STATEMENT

22 April 2024

Temporary closures for the Gulf Developmental Road and Kennedy Developmental Road for bridgeworks

- Deck resurfacing works will be carried out on single lane bridges at the Kennedy Developmental Road (KDR) at Hospital Creek and the Gulf Developmental Road (GDR) at Sandy Creek, Sisters Creek and Sisters Creek Anabranh, McMillan Creek and Charles Gully
- The works will be carried out in stages across all sites over several days to streamline the process and minimise disruptions to motorists

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will be conducting bridge resurfacing on six single lane bridges on the Gulf Developmental Road (GDR) and Kennedy Developmental Road (KDR) in May 2024.

The single lane bridges at Hospital Creek, Sisters Creek and Sisters Creek Anabranh, McMillan Creek and Charles Gully will be closed between 7.30am and 5pm from Monday to Friday, starting on Tuesday 7 May and finishing on Tuesday 4 June 2024.

In Georgetown, works on Sandy Creek Bridge and the road between George and High Streets will require single lane closures and speed reductions between 7.30am and 5pm from Tuesday 14 May to 3 June 2024.

The works are expected to be complete by Tuesday 4 June 2024, weather and construction conditions permitting.

These works are being carried out under TMR's Programmed Maintenance Asphalt Program, with recovery works under the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) being carried out at the same time to minimise disruption for road users.

Quotes attributable to the North Queensland Acting Regional Director, Kylee Peterson:

"TMR understands the impact these works have on residents and business as well as freight operators in this region.

"These works are challenging because the bridges are single lanes, so they must be closed as the construction process will occupy the entire width of the bridge.

"Initially, an excavator removes the existing bridge surface.

"Work crews then apply a primer to the bridge surface to create a strong bond for the bitumen. The primer is a tacky substance that takes several hours to dry.

"The bitumen is then rolled over the primer. The bitumen can take several hours to lay and compact before traffic can be permitted onto the bridge surface.

"These works will benefit all motorists, including heavy vehicles and tourists as well as local community traffic.

"TMR thanks residents, business and road users for your patience and cooperation while these important works are undertaken."

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