



Duplication of Tourle Street and Cormorant Road at Kooragang

May 2016

The Australian and NSW governments have each committed funding to duplicate Tourle Street and Cormorant Road at Kooragang.

Roads and Maritime Services is carrying out the upgrade to improve traffic flow and cater for future traffic growth.

We have engaged WBHO McIlwain Joint Venture to duplicate 3.8 kilometres of Tourle Street and Cormorant Road between Industrial Drive, Mayfield West and Egret Street, Kooragang, including the construction of a second bridge over the Hunter River.

Major construction work started in May 2016, with completion expected by the end of 2018, weather permitting.

Project benefits

- Catering for forecast traffic growth as a result of future development within the Port of Newcastle
- Improving access to/from Newcastle Airport and Port Stephens to cater for forecast increases in commercial, industrial and domestic traffic
- Improving traffic flow and travel times for motorists
- Improving road safety for through and local traffic as well as catering for cyclists.

Upcoming work

Work scheduled over the next six months includes:

- Establishment work including earthworks and setting up fencing and temporary barriers.

Bridge work

- Construction of a temporary wharf on the northern river bank to the west of the existing Tourle Street bridge
- Construction and installation of ten bridge piers, four over land and six over water
- Start of bridge girder installation.

Road work between Industrial Drive and the existing Tourle Street bridge

- Drainage work
- Construction of temporary road surface and shoulders.

Road work from the northern end of the existing bridge along Cormorant Road

- Removing existing median islands
- Building replacement habitat and installing exclusion fencing to help protect Golden Bell frogs near the Long Pond
- Drainage work and power pole relocation
- Construction of temporary road surface.



Announcement of award of contract to WBHO Mcllwain Joint Venture:
(From left) Tony Gant – Roads and Maritime, Craig Irvine – WBHO Mcllwain Joint Venture, Anna Zycki – Roads and Maritime, Scot Macdonald – Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter, Bob Baldwin – Federal Member for Paterson

Work hours

Most of the work will be carried out during general working hours – 7am to 6pm Mondays to Fridays and Saturdays from 8am to 1pm, weather permitting. Night work will also be carried out during the project. We will notify nearby businesses and residents before this takes place.

Noise

We will make every effort to minimise noise by:

- Turning off machinery when not in use
- Scheduling the noisiest activities for daytime periods where possible
- Positioning equipment as far away as possible from residential areas.

Access

We will make every effort to minimise disruption to businesses. We will maintain access to businesses along Tourle Street and Cormorant Road throughout the project and will discuss any temporary changes to access arrangements in advance.

Temporary traffic changes

Delays are expected due to changed traffic conditions. Please follow the direction of traffic controllers, follow traffic signs and keep to reduced speed limits.

Traffic control will be in place and speed limits will be reduced to 60km/h in the work area throughout construction. Temporary 40km/h speed limit reductions and lane reconfigurations will also be used to ensure the work zone is safe.

We will display up to date information, including any date changes and detours, on electronic message signs along the road.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience during this work.

Did you know?

- About 75 people from the local area will be employed as part of the upgrade
- We will be running a street sweeper over the project area every Thursday to ensure a safe and clean road surface for motorists and cyclists
- We have minimised impact to wildlife using the Long Pond by mainly widening the road on the southern side of the existing Cormorant Road. We regularly monitor the area to ensure integrity of the Long Pond.

Further information

For more information about the upgrade please contact the project team by:

Phone: 1800 471 488 (24 hours)

02 4924 0449 (during business hours)

Email: community@ts-jv.com.au

More information is also available at rms.nsw.gov.au