

MainRoads

Project update — July 2007

Hope Island Road Duplication

Coombabah Creek to Columbus Drive

With some sections already under construction, the Department of Main Roads is now planning the three final stages of the duplication of Hope Island Road. Once finished Hope Island Road will be four-lanes from the Pacific Motorway at Oxenford to the Gold Coast Highway at Labrador.

These projects are part of a \$100 million State Government commitment under the South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program (SEQIPP) to deliver the duplication of Hope Island Road by 2011.

Benefits

The northern Gold Coast area is experiencing rapid residential and commercial growth, and Hope Island Road needs to be upgraded to cater for substantial further increases in traffic during the next 20 years. The upgrade will reduce congestion on Hope Island Road, side roads and intersections, and will improve safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

Project progress

Duplication construction works are currently underway between the Pacific Motorway and Gracemere Drive.

Planning is being finalised for construction between Santa Barbara and Boykambil Esplanade.

Planning is now starting for the final three stages, which are:

- » Coombabah Creek to Columbus Drive
- » Intersection with Lae Drive
- » Bridges over Coombabah Creek.

Coombabah Creek to Columbus Drive

This will upgrade Hope Island Road between Coombabah Creek and Columbus Drive to four lanes, and improve safety and access for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists. The main features will be:

- » widening the road by using some of the existing median strip to minimise the impact on surrounding properties and footpaths
- » upgrading the intersections including new traffic signals at Sunbird Avenue and Matthew Flinders Drive
- » changing U-turn locations to the safest locations for driver visibility and turning lanes.

Construction is scheduled to commence in early 2008. Main Roads is seeking feedback from the community on the concept plans before they are finalised. Input can be provided in a number of ways, as listed on the back of this newsletter. (*see plan overleaf*)

Intersection with Lae Drive

The intersection of Hope Island Road and Lae Drive will be upgraded. High numbers of vehicles use this intersection, particularly during peak travel times. Main Roads is investigating options to improve the efficiency, management and safety of this intersection. A concept plan will be circulated for community comment once options have been finalised.

Bridges over Coombabah Creek

This section will duplicate the bridges at Coombabah Creek. Currently there are two-lane bridges spanning Coombabah Creek on either side of Jabiru Island, linked by a two-lane section of Hope Island Road across Jabiru Island.

Main Roads is investigating the construction of additional bridges alongside the existing ones that would enable Hope Island Road to be duplicated across Coombabah Creek. The community will be given an opportunity to comment on plans for these bridges during this period.

Project timelines

Coombabah Creek to Columbus Drive

- » Mid 2007 concept plan circulated for community comment



Intersection with Lae Drive

- » Late 2007 concept plan circulated for community comment



Bridges over Coombabah Creek

- » Early 2008 concept plan circulated for community comment



Upgrade complete by 2011

Further information and feedback

Main Roads is inviting nearby residents and road users to get involved in planning for the final stages of the Hope Island Road duplication. Local input and feedback will be important for finalising the plans.

Please send your comments to us by the end of August.

Feedback issues

Currently, Main Roads is seeking community comment on concept plans for the section from Coombabah Creek to Columbus Drive.

We are also interested in hearing views on issues relating to all sections, including:

- » intersections and U-turn facilities
- » cyclist and pedestrian provisions
- » access to properties and businesses, particularly near the Lae Drive intersection
- » landscaping and the overall appearance of the road, median strip and surroundings, and
- » local environmental issues.

Further community input for the remaining sections will be sought when detailed preliminary plans for those sections are available.

Project displays

Project information will be on display from mid-July, at:

- » Department of Main Roads, 36-38 Cotton Street, Nerang
- » GCCC Library, Lae Drive, Runaway Bay.

Information will be available from:

- » Electorate Office of Member for Broadwater 27 Bayview St, Runaway Bay.

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Hope Island Road Upgrade – Coombabah Creek to Columbus Drive

