

# Temporary weekend closures of the Houghton Highway bridge in April 2011

The existing Houghton Highway bridge is being upgraded with a new intelligent transport system, featuring overhead variable speed signs. These upgrade works will require temporary closure of the bridge to all traffic on at least one weekend in April 2011.

## Bridge closure dates

The bridge will be closed next weekend from 10pm on Friday 1 April to 4am on Monday 4 April\*. Depending on construction progress, it is possible that the bridge may also be closed the following weekend from 10pm on Friday 8 April to 4am on Monday 11 April\*.

These closures are necessary to enable the bridge upgrade works to be completed safely.

## Alternative route for bridge traffic

During the closures, all traffic will be switched onto the new Ted Smout Memorial Bridge, with one lane in each direction (refer to the diagram below). Brisbane-bound traffic will travel in the eastern lane of the bridge. Redcliffe-bound traffic will travel in the western lane. The middle lane of the bridge will be closed to all traffic, to safely separate Brisbane-bound and Redcliffe-bound vehicles.

## Additional closures

Additional closures of the existing Houghton Highway bridge will occur from time-to-time during the upgrade works. These closures will only occur on weekends, and will be advertised in advance.

## Ongoing works

Redcliffe-bound traffic will generally remain on the existing Houghton Highway bridge at other times during the upgrade works. Traffic will be switched onto various lanes of the bridge as the upgrade works are carried out.

\* Weather and construction conditions permitting.

## Noise and vibration impacts

The bridge upgrade works will involve the use of heavy equipment which may cause increased noise, dust and vibration at times around work sites. These impacts are regularly monitored to ensure they are within prescribed limits.

Some upgrade works will be carried out at night, to minimise impacts on local traffic. Local residents may experience increased noise and vibration levels during the night while these works are in progress. Transport and Main Roads will make every effort to keep disruptions to a minimum and apologises for any inconvenience.

## Safety

Please take care when travelling through the construction zone. Speed limits may be reduced in some areas. All traffic changes will be signed, and traffic controllers will be in place to direct motorists, pedestrians and cyclists as required. Signed detour paths around roadworks and construction sites will also be provided for pedestrians and cyclists as required.

**Please slow down – roadwork safety is your responsibility too.**

## Find out more

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### TRAFFIC FLOW DURING TEMPORARY CLOSURES OF THE EXISTING HOUGHTON HIGHWAY BRIDGE

