

Bruce Highway (Apple Tree Creek)

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Project overview

Construction of a \$4.5 million Bruce Highway project to upgrade various intersections between Apple Tree Creek and Childers, is scheduled to start in the coming weeks.

The project will improve safety and operational efficiency for the 6,500 road users who use this section of the highway each day, 23 per cent of these being heavy vehicle operators.

The project is funded under the Queensland Government's Safer Roads Sooner program which involves implementing high benefit, cost effective road engineering treatments that address known crash locations on the network.

Construction impacts

Construction will generally be carried out from Monday to Friday between 6am and 6pm, with some night time and weekend works undertaken as required.

Traffic controllers, temporary single-lane and intersection closures and speed restrictions will also be in place as required to ensure the safety of road users and roadworkers.

Given the high volume of traffic along the highway, impacts to the travelling public will be unavoidable. Every effort will be made to minimise disruptions however motorists should factor in additional travel time for their journey.

RoadTek is delivering construction works, which are expected to take about six months to complete, weather permitting.

A list of frequently asked questions can also be found overleaf providing advice about specific construction impacts.

Project deliverables

Anderson Street / Rosenstet Lane intersection

- Constructing dedicated left- and right-turn lanes on the highway to separate through and turning traffic.

Old Creek Road (north) / Darwin Street intersection

- Constructing dedicated left- and right-turn lanes on the highway to separate through and turning traffic.

ATC Hall Road / Duguid Road intersection

- Constructing dedicated left- and right-turn lanes on the highway to separate through and turning traffic.
- Roadside parking will also be formalised in front of the businesses on Drummond Street through linemarking.

Cocking Street intersection

- All right in/right out movements will be restricted at the intersection in an effort to improve safety. Northbound motorists will need to use the upgraded ATC Hall Road intersection to access the highway.



Old Creek Road (north) intersection to be upgraded

Frequently asked questions

Why is this upgrade happening?

These works will compliment the safety works undertaken in recent years and provide long-term benefits to motorists by improving safety and operational efficiency at this location.

Where will works begin?

Road crews will be working at multiple locations throughout the construction period to complete works as quickly as possible. It is anticipated road construction activities will start at the Anderson Street / Rosenstet Lane intersection with storm water drainage works occurring simultaneously in Apple Tree Creek. Works will then progress to the other intersections.

Will any side roads be closed during construction?

At times, there may be a need to temporarily close various intersections along the highway. Anderson, Pleash and Cocking streets may require extended closures to progress works as quickly as possible. Traffic controllers will be in place at nearby intersections to assist with safe highway access.

What will be done to minimise impacts to local residents and businesses along the highway?

The department is conscious some local businesses enjoy the benefits of highway trade and will work with these stakeholders to minimise any impacts as much as possible.

We are also aware that the Apple Tree Creek markets are held monthly and will ensure safe access to the markets remains available to the public throughout construction.

I live on the Bruce Highway. Will my property access be restricted?

This will vary from property to property. Businesses and residents along the highway will be notified by the on site project team at least 24 hours in advance of any temporary disruptions to property accesses.

Why is the speed limit reduced even when works aren't being completed?

The safety of roadworkers and the road users through roadwork sites is a high priority for the department.

Although motorists may not see works underway as they travel through a site, speed limits can be reduced due to changed traffic conditions such as narrow lanes and works beside the road, unclear line marking or changed pavement conditions.

All road users are reminded that roadwork speed limits are enforceable and they should continue to obey all roadwork signs and traffic controllers instructions.

How will we be kept informed during construction?

The project team is committed to keeping everyone informed with timely and accurate information to minimise disruption.

Community members are encouraged to register their email address to receive electronic project updates. You can register your details at bundaberg.office@tmr.qld.gov.au or call the project team on 1300 728 390.

Are there plans to upgrade other intersections between Childers and Apple Tree Creek?

The department is aware there are other intersections that would benefit from upgrade works in this area and is currently progressing planning and design activities.

Planning and design activities are continuing for:

- Old Creek Road (south) intersection
- Chews Road (northern and southern) intersections
- Gentle Annie Road intersection
- Pleash Street intersection.

The department will re-engage with the community when future funding becomes available to undertake these works.



Planning is progressing to upgrade the Old Creek Road (south) intersection

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