Pignata Road update

Update for Pignata Road, Palmview

The Department of Transport and Main Roads would like to provide residents and motorists with an update on upcoming works along Pignata Road, Palmview.

Pignata Road side track

As part of the upgrade, the team is progressing with work along Pignata Road while maintaining access to the Bruce Highway (southbound).

The construction crew will re-build a 200m section of Pignata Road, south of the new car pool facility.

Pignata Road will be temporarily realigned with a side track to the west to allow the construction crew to re-build Pignata Road with minimal impact to nearby residents and through traffic.

The side track will allow for two-way traffic. A speed reduction of 40km will be in place.

The changed traffic conditions will be in place from early September 2018 until December 2018, weather permitting.

What to expect:

- **Changed traffic conditions along Pignata Road:** A section of Pignata Road will be realigned to create a temporary side track. The side track will allow for two-way traffic and a speed reduction of 40km will be in place.

- **Increased construction traffic:** Residents can expect increased construction traffic travelling along these roads including heavy vehicles and machinery. Pedestrians, cyclists and other road users should take care when travelling through the area.

- **Access to private properties:** Local residents whose property access will be affected have been contacted by the project team.

- **Final design access changes to the Bruce Highway:** As part of the final design for the upgrade, access to the Bruce Highway from the southern end of Pignata Road will eventually be closed. This closure is scheduled to take place late in the construction program.

Please note that provisions have been made for access to the highway during emergencies.

**Working hours**

The project’s working hours are:

- **Night works:** Sunday to Thursday, 7pm to 5am.
- **Day works:** Monday to Saturday, 6am to 6pm.

Night works will be kept to a minimum where possible, with the majority of work along Pignata Road being undertaken during day works.

It is important to note that these activities are dependent on weather conditions.

**Other construction activities nearby:**

**Day works (Mon-Sat, 6am-6pm):**

- Ongoing major earthworks and drainage works for construction of a new Bruce Highway southbound carriageway and off-ramp to Pignata Road.

- Bridge construction activities continue at the Pignata Road underpass.

- Continued earthworks and drainage works for construction of the new service road on the western side of the highway.

- Vegetation removal activities and ongoing earthworks for the southbound on and off ramps at the Caloundra Road interchange.

- Service relocation works for water, telecommunications and electricity.

**Night works (Sun-Thurs, 7pm-5am):**

- Vegetation removal, temporary road widening and bridge construction activities at the Caloundra Road interchange.

- Service relocation works for water, telecommunications and electricity.

- Ongoing pavement works on Caloundra Road and at the interchange.

- Scheduled maintenance activities in various areas.
Managing air quality during construction

The Department of Transport and Main Roads takes its environmental responsibilities seriously and is working to implement all reasonable and practicable dust mitigation strategies.

On-site mitigation measures include the use of dedicated water trucks, road sweepers and the application of soil binding polymers (green spray).

Dust and air quality monitoring is undertaken across the project site and regularly assessed for compliance with the relevant criteria for the project. There are also a number of permanent dust gauges located across the project site. The department will continue to work to minimise the potential for environmental nuisance on neighbouring communities as major construction work continues.

It is important to recognise that the construction period is temporary and the delivery of transport infrastructure provides a significant benefit to the broader community. Construction is an essential part of urban and rural development.

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Subscribe to the free SMS and email service to receive updates about project activities and road closures. To register, please visit the project website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au (search for ‘Caloundra Road Interchange’).

We thank the local community for your patience and cooperation during these vital works.