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Captain Cook Highway

Smithfield Bypass Project

Video animation and flyer released

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) released an artist impression video animation and flyer of the Smithfield Bypass Project (SBP). The materials show the benefits of the design and how traffic flow will improve for road users. Click on the image to the right to view the animation and flyer on the Smithfield Bypass Project web page or go to: TMR.qld.gov.au/smithfieldbypassproject

Project works update

TMR commenced the $152 million project to design and construct a new road linking McGregor Road and Cairns Western Arterial Road on the Captain Cook Highway.

The SBP is undertaken using a Design and Construct (D&C) contract. The D&C process allows for ongoing innovation to occur throughout the project phases.

Preliminary works began late 2018. Land underwent ground surface treatment with vegetation and existing top soils being removed prior to levelling and compaction. Rock fill material was placed on site as a ground surface treatment to assist with flooding and all-weather access.

Water detention basins referred to as 'bunds' and silt fences were installed across the site to prevent sediment from entering waterways.
Trucks delivering rock fill to the construction site.

Water detention basins prevent the silting of waterways.

Community Liaison Group to form

Applications for the Captain Cook Highway - Smithfield Bypass Project, Community Liaison Group (CLG) are now closed. The CLG will provide an information sharing forum for residents and the business community.

Environmental safeguards

Innovative environmental practices are being used at the SBP site to treat and eliminate biosecurity and environmental hazards. Biosecurity Queensland used electric ants sniffer dogs to locate and treat infestations. Drive through wash down bays are installed on access roads to minimise the spread of weed seeds, contaminated soils and pests to and from the site.

The CLG will provide valuable information to the community.

Wash down bays used to minimise biosecurity risks.
Community awareness

TMR held two community information sessions at Smithfield Shopping Centre in late November and December 2018 to provide details on changes to the concept layout for the bypass. The information sessions provided an opportunity for the public to view the concept layout, provide feedback to the project team, ask questions, sign up for project updates and discuss the project progress with TMR Officers.

Stay Connected

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