Toowoomba Second Range Crossing

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Construction plan at a glance:

Beginning in mid-April 2016, construction of the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing (TSRC) project is expected to take two and a half years to complete. The toll road is expected to open to traffic in late 2018, weather permitting.

For the purpose of construction, the 41km long TSRC alignment will be delivered in three areas:

- East area Warrego Highway, Helidon Spa to the New England Highway, Blue Mountain Heights
- Central area New England Highway, Mt Kynoch to Boundary Street, Cranley
- West area Boundary Street, Cranley to the Gore Highway, Athol.
- Works will be carried out at multiple sites concurrently.
- Many of the first areas of work will be around locations where local roads intersect with the TSRC.

Works update (as of June 2016):

Eastern section – Major construction started in late April 2016 with vegetation clearing commencing in the eastern section and construction of access roads to enable the start of work on the viaduct, near Mt Kynoch on the eastern slopes of the Toowoomba Range.

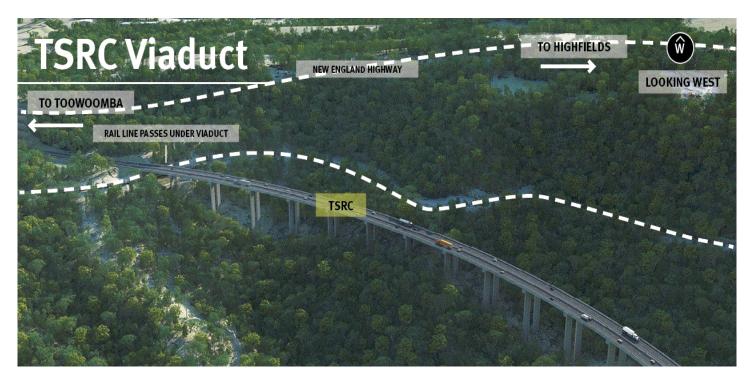
Central section – Preparatory works started around the New England Highway at Mt Kynoch to enable construction of the cutting through the range and the realignment of the New England Highway. These works involve access road construction, earthworks and blasting, and will be followed by the construction of the New England Highway bridges from September 2016.

Western section – Preparatory works began to enable the realignment of Ganzer Road where it intersects with the TSRC. This work involves service relocations, followed by initial earthworks to allow the new section of road to be built.









Construction program (subject to change):

East area

- The first major works in the east included clearing and grubbing works around Six Mile Creek, from April 2016 onwards.
- From May 2016 onwards, crews started building the temporary access roads through bushland, enabling crews to access the area and build the new viaduct.
- In June 2016, telecommunications services will be relocated, as part of constructing the Morleys Road underpass. Construction of the underpass will commence in July 2016 with upgrades to Morleys Road from September.
- From July 2016, crews will start works to construct the McNamaras Road underpass at Withcott.
- Service relocation works will start at Postmans Ridge Road in late August 2016.
- The temporary Murphys Creek access will be constructed from September to October 2016, enabling overpass construction to begin in October.
- The Gittins Road underpass at Withcott will start from September 2016.
- Construction of the Murphys Creek Road overpass at Postmans Ridge will see works from September 2016.

Central area

- From May 2016, initial works started around the New England Highway at Mt Kynoch to allow the construction of the cutting and viaduct bridge.
- This started with access road construction, earthworks and blasting, and will be followed by bridge construction in September 2016.
- On Old Goombungee Road, service relocation works and some early earthworks will commence in July 2016, followed by bridge works in late September 2016.

- Works on the Gowrie Creek bridge will start in September 2016, with all construction access off Old Goombungee Road.
- By June 2016, earthworks and service relocations had begun at Boundary Street, Cranley to be followed by bridge construction works.
- In May 2016 service relocations commenced on local roads including Mort Street, Hermitage Road and access to the Toowoomba Waste Management Centre. Earthworks and roadworks commence from June 2016.

West area

- By May 2016 crews began works required to realign Ganzer Road. This started with service relocations, followed by initial earthworks to allow the new section of road to be built.
- From June 2016 onwards, service relocation crews will be seen on roadsides throughout the central section of the project. They are expected to start relocating utilities (for example water, gas and fibreoptic cables) at Ganzer Road, and continue onto Gowrie Junction Road and the Warrego Highway.
- In August 2016, significant earthworks will start on the TSRC beside Ganzer Road, consisting mainly of cutting works. The fill will be used to build up embankments for nearby local roads.
- Initial earthworks on the bridge at Gowrie Junction Road will start in August with piling works starting around September 2016.

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