

# Townsville Ring Road Section 4

## Construction update

September 2015

### About the project

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is progressing construction of the Townsville Ring Road Section 4 (TRR4), which will connect the Northern Beaches with the existing Ring Road at Kalynda Chase.

Once complete, the Townsville Ring Road will support the future economic growth of the North Queensland region, providing a freight bypass, better access to the Townsville Port and improved travel times and reliability for industry and motorists using the national highway.

To view a plan of the TRR4 project, visit <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au> and select 'Townsville Ring Road 4' in the 'Projects' section.

### What's happening on site?

- Highway traffic north of Veales Road has been moved onto a side track to allow this section of the highway to be widened and resurfaced.
- Works at the Veales Road/Bruce Highway intersection will increase from mid- September, as construction progresses on the new configuration for the intersection, which will include traffic lights.

- Pile driving has been completed at the southern end of the project and is currently underway on the northern end in preparation for bridge works.
- The new traffic lights at the Dalrymple Road/ Shaw Road intersection are nearing completion.
- An asphalt seal has been completed on Alford Street.
- The embankments at the Geaney Lane overpass are nearing their full height.
- The embankments for the southern interchange have reached their full height and bridge works have begun, with concrete pours underway.
- As of the end of July, approximately 800,000m<sup>3</sup> of material has been imported onto site.



Geaney Lane overpass taking shape



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Pile driving on the Dalrymple Road interchange

### **Veales Road Traffic Changes**

The project team plan to take advantage of lower traffic volumes during the September school holidays to progress works on the Veales Road/ Bruce Highway intersection.

From **Saturday 19 September 2015**, there will be a series of changed traffic conditions, to allow the team to work on different sections of the intersection. Vehicles will still be able to perform all turning manoeuvres from the intersection.

Traffic controllers will be onsite to direct traffic under the changed conditions. Motorists are asked to be aware of the changing conditions and pay close attention to the signage and traffic controller's instructions.

These works will allow the project team to progress the construction program and have the fully signalised intersection open sooner for motorists.

### **Pile Driving**

Pile driving works are underway as works progress on the bridge and overpass structures. Pile driving uses a

hydraulic hammer to drive the foundations for the bridge structures into the ground. While every effort is made to reduce impact on nearby residents, there is noise associated with the pile driving, which will be limited to work hours. No pile driving works will be undertaken at night. Pile driving is expected to be completed by mid-October 2015.

### **Black-Throated Finch Monitoring**

The Black-Throated Finch is an endangered species found nearby the TRR4 project. The project undertook a number of initiatives to prevent the project from negatively impacting on the bird numbers. This included completing all clearing works before the annual breeding cycle of the endangered finch and creating an environmental reserve to help boost numbers in the area.

The efforts of the project team were rewarded when recent monitoring showed that numbers of the endangered finch located near the project site are at the same level as those recorded before the project commenced.



Black-Throated finch near the project site