

**MEDIA STATEMENT****13 December 2024****New bridge constructed as Monto-Mount Perry Road project reaches milestone**

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The new bridge is considerably higher than the old timber bridge, making it more resilient to flood events.

TMR is progressively sealing Monto-Mount Perry Road to improve road safety and comfort and reduce future maintenance requirements.

Construction is expected to be complete by mid-2025, weather and other conditions permitting.

Monto-Mount Perry Road is currently closed to through traffic between the Burnett Highway and the Burnett River to enable works to be completed as safely and efficiently as possible.

Access is being maintained for authorised vehicles only, including residents, under controlled conditions. A temporary detour is in place for motorists via Kerwee Road (a local road).

Motorists can expect delays and are reminded to observe all warning and traffic control signs when approaching the work sites and to be aware of changed conditions.

We thank motorists for their patience while these important works are underway.

**Quotes attributable to the Transport and Main Roads Southern Queensland Regional Director Bill Lansbury:**

“Sealing the final unsealed section of Monto-Mount Perry Road will improve safety on a vital link between North Burnett communities.

“Placement of the new Splinter Creek bridge deck units marks a significant milestone for the project which will improve flood immunity on Monto-Mount Perry Road.

“TMR will continue to keep the community informed about the project as it progresses.

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