

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Critical works planned for Captain Cook Bridge

Important maintenance works are planned for Captain Cook Bridge to prolong the life of this iconic piece of Brisbane infrastructure.

Regional Director Patrick Dennehy said maintenance works would be undertaken on the bridge, including bearing replacement works.

“The Captain Cook Bridge is nearly 50 years old, and like other sections of the state-controlled road network, needs to undergo necessary maintenance,” Mr Dennehy said.

“Sections of the bridge will be closed to traffic over coming weekends to allow these works to be completed safely.

“With reduced traffic volumes on the roads, now is an ideal time to undertake these works, as it will reduce the impact on the surrounding road network.”

Mr Dennehy said each carriageway would be closed at different stages, with the northbound carriageway scheduled to be closed to all traffic overnight on Sunday, 24 May.

“The northbound bridge will then be closed from the night of Friday, 29 May, to early Monday morning (1 June), weather and construction conditions permitting,” he said.

“The southbound carriageway will experience similar closures in late June.

“Detours will be in place and traffic control on site to assist motorists.”

Mr Dennehy said to facilitate these works, a custom-made, 27-tonne, temporary, work platform was installed underneath the Captain Cook Bridge.

“The installation of the bespoke platform is critical for the safety of workers, having been especially designed for the Captain Cook Bridge and fabricated by local south-east Queensland company Belconnen Steel,” he said.

“The Queensland Government is keeping work flowing for the Captain Cook Bridge maintenance project and others like it, by investing in the community during this difficult period.

“The works are set to support more than 75 jobs at a time when maintaining jobs has never been more critical.

“There will be significant road impacts while we undertake this work and we thank the travelling public and local community for their patience while these important works are undertaken.”

For more information, contact the project team at [metropolitanregion@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:metropolitanregion@tmr.qld.gov.au) or call 3066 4338 (during business hours).

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