

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Heavy vehicle access changes for Captain Cook Bridge

As part of maintenance works, heavy vehicle access changes will be in place from 1 December on the Captain Cook Bridge, requiring heavy vehicles over 33 tonnes to travel in the centre two lanes in each direction.

Transport and Main Roads Metropolitan Regional Director Patrick Dennehy said these restrictions were part of programmed works for ongoing maintenance of the Captain Cook Bridge.

"The structure is ageing and has been carrying increased loads over the years which has led to some wear and tear that you would expect for a structure of this age," Mr Dennehy said.

"The restrictions will be in place until we can complete the programmed works to ensure the longevity and ongoing life of this important connection in Brisbane's road network.

"The Captain Cook Bridge is safe to travel over."

Mr Dennehy said the programmed maintenance works had already started.

"In the meantime, while the heavy vehicle lane restrictions are in place, we ask other motorists to have patience and give these vehicles the space they need to change to the required lanes," he said.

"Signs will be installed to provide direction to operators and the travelling public regarding these changes."

Mr Dennehy said the Captain Cook Bridge was opened in 1972 and was one of Brisbane's most trafficked bridges.

More than 120,000 vehicles travel across the Captain Cook Bridge each weekday, and the restrictions will only impact less than one percent of these vehicles.

"We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank the community and industry for their patience while further works are undertaken," he said.

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