

Bruce Highway widening and overtaking lanes (Mailman Road to Mackenzie Creek)

Construction Update: September 2020

The Bruce Highway safety upgrades between Mailman Road and Mackenzie Creek, at Cromarty, will be completed late this year, ahead of schedule. Originally, the program of works wasn't due to be completed until mid-2021.

Works from June – September

Works between June and September 2020 included:

- continuing excavation and earthworks for constructing culverts
- ongoing pavement works between St Margaret Creek and Mackenzie Creek
- continuing construction of the new southbound overtaking lane
- progressing upgrades at the Bruce Highway intersection with Cromarty Siding Road
- asphalt works across the project.

Multiple single lane closures have been required to accommodate the above works, and night works were required while asphalt was placed.



Existing sections of pavement have been excavated in preparation for being widened and reconstructed.

We would like to thank motorists and residents for their patience during these activities.

Upcoming Works – October to December

Subject to further wet weather, all project works will be completed by December 2020. These final activities include:

- completing all culverts under the widened highway pavement
- finalising the new southbound overtaking lane and highway pavement between St Margaret Creek and Mackenzie Creek
- opening the upgraded Bruce Highway intersection with Cromarty Siding Road to traffic
- installing guard rails, guide posts and signage
- completing linemarking throughout the project and
- revegetating roadside areas.

These works will require further lane closures and contraflow traffic arrangements, under the direction of traffic controllers.



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Night works

Residents will be aware of the recent program of nights works as part of the project.

These were required to complete asphalt works between St Margaret Creek bridge and the new overtaking lane at the northern end of the project, as well as the approach to Palm Creek bridge.

These works needed to be completed at night due to the lower traffic volume and to allow for curing before sealing occurred during daylight hours.

We appreciate the impact that this has on residences and do appreciate your understanding during these works.

Consumable quantities

It takes a lot of material to deliver projects like the Mailman – Mackenzie safety upgrade. Since construction commenced, the following materials have been used or placed as part of the project:

Material	Amount used
lightly bound pavement	55,600 cubic metres
bitumen	290,000 litres
cover aggregate	1500 cubic metres
asphalt	10,600 tonnes
concrete	727 cubic metres



Culvert banks are continuing to be constructed throughout the project, ahead of pavement widening.



Pavement preparation works north of Cromarty Siding Road.

Pictured: Asphalt, recently laid during night works, has been sealed. Linemarking, and the installation of guardrails, is yet to occur.

For further information and to provide feedback

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