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Notice to motorists

Rooneys Bridge repair works Railway Avenue, Railway Estate, Townsville

Temporary 4.5 tonne GCM load limit restriction in place from Monday 2 May 2022 to late December 2022

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) would like to advise that repair works commenced on 2 May 2022 on Rooneys Bridge in Railway Estate, Townsville. A 4.5 tonne load limit across the bridge is necessary for works to be safely carried out underneath the bridge.

How do I know if my vehicle is over 4.5 tonnes GCM?

Vehicles **over** 4.5 tonne GCM include cars towing (boats, trailers and caravans), buses (small and large), heavy vehicles including trucks, semi-trailers and B-doubles (generally trucks of all sizes). Cars and motorbikes will be **under** the 4.5 tonne GCM load limit.



What works are occurring underneath the bridge?

Since the bridge's construction in 1954, the concrete piles supporting the bridge have deteriorated. Works are being undertaken to repair the piles.

Is the bridge safe to drive over for vehicles under 4.5 tonne GCM?

Yes, there are 68 piles supporting the bridge. Crews will only be working on one to two piles at any given time. While the bridge is still structurally sound, if left untreated, this would eventually impact the operation of the bridge and access to vehicles would be restricted.

Why is the 4.5 tonne GCM load limit needed?

During repair works the load capacity of the bridge will be reduced; therefore, load restrictions need to be introduced for the safety of both the travelling public as well as the crews, including dive teams, who will be working underneath the bridge.

Is there an alternative route?

Yes, detours are available for all vehicles over 4.5 tonne GCM.

Will there be a turnaround area for vehicles over 4.5 tonne GCM that are unable to cross the bridge?

Yes, compliance inspectors will be onsite to turn vehicles around that are over the load limit.

Please visit qldtraffic.qld.gov.au to plan your trip via alternative routes.

TMR appreciates your support and patience while these essential repair works are undertaken.



For further information

If you have any questions, please contact our Customer and Stakeholder Management Team on:

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