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Editor's log

Over 60,000 people joined in the Ted Smout Memorial Bridge opening celebrations on Sunday 11 July 2010. Have a look at page two for our feature on the opening celebrations.

The Ted Smout Memorial Bridge is now open to Brisbane bound traffic, with Redcliffe bound traffic remaining on the Houghton Highway bridge.

There will be changed traffic conditions around Suncorp Stadium on Saturday 24 July 2010 for the Australia vs South Africa rugby union game. If you are travelling to the game, take advantage of public transport and plan your trip.

In preparation for the Ekka beginning in early August, there are several road closures in and around the RNA Showgrounds from Sunday 25 July 2010. For more information about road closures, revised street signage and parking arrangements during the Ekka, visit www.131940.qld.gov.au.

Communications Team

Major roadworks affecting traffic

Houghton Highway Duplication Project

There will be ongoing traffic changes associated with refurbishment of the Houghton Highway Bridge and the northern and southern approach intersections. Please refer to page three for more information.

Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Dinmore to Goodna

Changes to the alignment of Ipswich bound traffic on the Ipswich Motorway at Redbank from early August 2010. Please see page five for more information.

Airport Link

Temporary lane closures during night works on Lutwyche Road at Lutwyche/Windsor. Please refer to page seven for more information.

Airport Roundabout Upgrade

Temporary lane closures on East West Arterial Road until the end of July 2010. Please refer to page seven for more information.

Major events affecting traffic

Rugby Union: Australia vs South Africa

Saturday 24 July 2010, 8pm, Suncorp Stadium

AFL: Brisbane Lions vs Melbourne

Saturday 31 July 2010, 7.10pm, The Gabba

Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) 2010

Thursday 5 August to Saturday 14 August 2010, RNA Showgrounds

For enquiries on roadworks and traffic conditions, or to report an incident, call 13 19 40.

spotlight

Ted Smout Memorial Bridge officially opens

The completion of Australia's longest bridge was marked by a day of opening celebrations stretching across Bramble Bay on Sunday 11 July 2010.

Over 60,000 people walked across the 2.7 kilometre Ted Smout Memorial Bridge joining the communities of Clontarf and Brighton.

The day kicked off at 8am with members of Ted Smout's family and competition winners jumping in local vintage cars to cross the bridge.

Minister for Main Roads, Craig Wallace was then joined by the Director-General Dave Stewart, along with Premier Anna Bligh, to cut the ribbon and officially open the bridge walk.

A formal ceremony in the centre of the bridge officially opened the Ted Smout Memorial Bridge. It was with great honour that Ted Smout's family helped celebrate this occasion and were presented with a commemorative plaque.

The community events in Pelican Park at Clontarf and Decker Park at Brighton included live music, food, roving entertainments, face painting, demonstrations by local dance groups and the Heart Foundation, kite flying and local historical society exhibits.

Several members of the public said the event was a day to remember. Comments included:

"I would like to congratulate everyone involved in organising the Ted Smout opening day. It was an extremely well organised event."

"A big thank you to all involved in the Ted Smout Bridge walk over today - a job well done."

Ted Smout was Queensland's last surviving World War I digger - a legend not only in the Brighton and Sandgate areas, but the whole of Australia.

The Ted Smout Memorial Bridge is now open to motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. Work has begun to refurbish the old Houghton Highway, and demolish the deteriorated Hornibrook Bridge.

The historical Hornibrook portals will be restored and a section of the old bridge will be rebuilt to include a dedicated fishing platform over Hays Inlet.



People enjoy the Ted Smout Memorial Bridge opening celebrations on Sunday 11 July 2010

Travelsmart Tip:

New motorcycle safety campaign launched

TMR has launched a new motorcycle safety campaign encouraging motorcyclists to *Be Aware. Take Care and Survive.*

To view the current advertisements and find out more, visit www.motorcyclesafety.qld.gov.au

Road work and traffic conditions

works North Brisbane

Everton Park: South Pine Road and Stafford Road intersection works

The department is completing safety improvement works at the intersection of South Pine Road and Stafford Road, Everton Park.

Work will be carried out between 8pm and 5am on Thursday 22 July and Friday 23 July 2010, weather permitting.

Peak-hour traffic effect

Lane closures and reduced speed limits during non-peak periods.

Further information

Project Team on 3137 8282

Houghton Highway Duplication Project

Ted Smout Memorial Bridge now open to traffic

Brisbane bound traffic now travels on the Ted Smout Memorial Bridge, with two lanes open at all times. All Redcliffe bound traffic remains on the existing Houghton Highway bridge, which will be progressively resurfaced. During refurbishment works on the Houghton Highway bridge one lane will remain open at all times, with two lanes open during peak hours. All traffic changes will be clearly signed.

There will be ongoing works associated with the refurbishment and the realignment of the southern and northern approach intersections at Clontarf and Brighton. These will be clearly signed and any full closures will be advertised well in advance.

Peak-hour traffic effect

Closures are expected to occur outside peak travel periods

Further information

Project Team on 1800 626 976

works South Brisbane

Bardon: MacGregor Terrace and Latrobe Terrace intersection works

The department is completing safety improvement works at the intersection of MacGregor Terrace and Latrobe Terrace, Bardon.

Work will be carried out between 8pm and 5am on Monday 26 July and Tuesday 27 July 2010, weather permitting.

Peak-hour traffic effect

Lane closures and reduced speed limits during non-peak periods.

Further information

Project Team on 3137 8282

Eight Mile Plains: extending the Pacific Motorway Bikeway

The department is extending the existing Pacific Motorway Bikeway from Miles Platting Road to the Logan Road exit.

All work is scheduled to be completed in late July 2010, weather permitting.

Peak-hour traffic effect

Low impact. Lane closures and reduced speed limits apply.

Further information

Project Manager on 3137 8367



works East Brisbane

Capalaba: Redland Bay Road and Smith Street intersection works

The department is completing work to improve safety at the intersection of Redland Bay Road and Smith Street, Capalaba.

Work includes extending the left and right turn lanes from Redland Bay Road into Smith Street and upgrading the traffic signals to include an additional left turn arrow into Smith Street.

Work will be carried out between 7pm and 5am, Monday to Friday. Work is scheduled to be completed in late August 2010, weather permitting.

Peak hour traffic effect

Work will be carried out in non-peak periods.

Further information

Project Team on 3137 8282

Lytton: Intersection upgrade works: Lytton Road, Lindum Road and Gosport Street

The department is completing preliminary construction works at the intersection of Lytton Road, Lindum Road and Gosport Street, Lytton.

Work will be carried out between 7am and 5pm, Monday to Saturday. Work is expected to be completed in early 2011, weather permitting.

Peak hour traffic effect

Minor traffic disruptions due to lane closures and reduced speed limits

Further information

Project team on 3137 8282

works West Brisbane & Ipswich

Anstead: Mount Crosby Road safety improvement works

The department is completing the second stage of safety improvement works on Mount Crosby Road, Anstead.

Work will include regrading the roadside drain, extending and constructing new culverts, relocating power poles, removing roadside hazards, widening shoulders and installing guardrails.

Work will be carried out between 6am and 3pm, Monday to Friday, with occasional weekend and night works. Work is expected to be completed in late October 2010.

Peak-hour traffic effect

Minor traffic disruptions due to lane closures and reduced speed limits throughout the worksite.

Further information

Project team on 3137 8282

Darra to Springfield Transport Corridor Stage 1

Richlands: Centenary Highway night closure

The Centenary Highway will be temporarily closed between Progress Road and Garden Road between 8pm and 5am on Wednesday 28 July 2010.

Motorists will be detoured via the Progress Road and Garden Road on and off ramps.

Peak-hour traffic effect

Detours in place during non peak periods.

Further information

Community Engagement Team on 1800 887 464



Gatton: Spencer Street pedestrian footpath works

The department is constructing a new pedestrian footpath on Spencer Street, Gatton.

The new concrete footpath will connect the entrance of the Gatton Caravan Park to the existing footpath which runs under the rail overpass into Buaraba Street.

Work will be carried out between 8am and 3.30pm, Monday to Friday, with occasional night work between 9pm and 5am. Work is scheduled to be completed within one month, weather permitting.

Peak hour traffic effect

Minor traffic disruptions due to temporary lane closures and reduced speed limits.

Further information

Project Team on 3137 8282

Haigslea: Warrego Highway and Linnings Road safety improvement works

Safety improvement work will be completed at the intersection of the Warrego Highway and Linnings Road, Haigslea.

Work will be carried out between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Work is scheduled to be completed in late July 2010, weather permitting.

Peak-hour traffic effect

Minor traffic disruptions may occur due to lane closures and reduced speed limits.

Further information

Contractor Project Manager on 0437 636 273

Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Dinmore to Goodna**Mine Street traffic changes**

To allow for upgrades to Mine Street and the new Smiths Road intersection, there are ongoing traffic changes along Mine Street between the Mine Street interchange and Namatjira Drive. These traffic changes will continue until the end of 2010, weather and construction conditions permitting.

Peak-hour traffic effect

Ongoing traffic changes until end of 2010.

Redbank: Ipswich Motorway traffic changes

Ipswich bound traffic on the Ipswich Motorway will be temporarily realigned from Redbank Plaza to the bridge over Six Mile Creek from early August 2010. The Woodford Way on ramp to the motorway will be extended to join with motorway traffic near the new Law Street pedestrian bridge.

A new exit will be opened near the KFC at Redbank Plaza for Ipswich bound traffic to access the on ramp to the Ipswich Motorway from Woodford Way in mid August 2010. The existing exit at the eastern end of Redbank Plaza car park will then be closed permanently.

Peak-hour traffic effect

Changes in access to the Woodford Way on-ramp and the exits from Redbank Plaza.

Riverview: Ipswich Motorway traffic changes

Traffic on the Ipswich Motorway (Brisbane bound) has been transferred onto the existing westbound lanes between the Warrego Highway bridge at Dinmore and the Tessman Street bridge, Riverview. This traffic change will be in place until approximately mid 2011.

All works are subject to weather and construction conditions.

Peak-hour traffic effect

Access changes during non-peak periods.

Further information

Community Engagement Team on 1800 465 682

Lanefield: Rosewood-Laidley Road culvert rehabilitation works

Culvert rehabilitation works will be carried out on Rosewood-Laidley Road west of Stevens Road, Lanefield.

Work will be carried out 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is scheduled to be completed in late July 2010.

Peak-hour traffic effect

Traffic disruptions due to lane closures and reduced speed limits.

Further information

Project Manager on 3137 8282

Pullenvale: Moggill Road culvert rehabilitation works

Culvert rehabilitation works will be carried out beside Moggill Road on the service road to Brisbane Independent Primary School, Pullenvale.

Work will be carried out between 6am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Work is scheduled to be completed by late July 2010, weather permitting.

Peak-hour traffic effect

Minor traffic disruptions due to lane closures and reduced speed limits.

Further information

Project Manager on 3137 8282

Warrego Highway safety improvement works

Safety improvement work will be completed on the Warrego Highway between Kholo Road Overpass and Eleazar Drive.

Work will be carried out between 6am and 4pm Monday to Friday. Work is scheduled to be completed in late July 2010, weather permitting.

Peak-hour traffic effect

Minor traffic disruptions may occur due to lane closures and reduced speed limits.

Further information

Project Team on 3137 8282

Project Contact Details

**For project works, information is provided direct from the project teams. Please see the "Further information" section for project contact details.

Under construction

Acacia Ridge rail crossing overpass

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Corinda to Darra Rail Upgrade

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Darra to Springfield Transport Corridor

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Houghton Highway Duplication Project

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Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Dinmore to Goodna

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Planning studies

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Gateway Motorway North Planning Study

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Gympie Road Planning Study

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Ipswich Motorway Planning Study: Darra to Rocklea

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Port of Brisbane Motorway Upgrade Planning Study

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Stafford Road Planning Study

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Summers Road Interchange Planning Study

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Ted Smout Memorial Bridge opening celebrations - Sunday 11 July 2010

Other Works

Airport Link

Bowen Hills to Woolloowin: changed traffic conditions

There will be changed traffic conditions along Lutwyche Road and Truro Street between Albion Road and Kedron Park Road. Work will be carried out between 8pm and 5am, as required until 2012, weather permitting.

Bowen Hills: Inner City Bypass

Temporary lane closures will be in place on the Lutwyche Road off-ramp of the Inner City Bypass as required until late 2010.

Bowen Hills: Lutwyche Road

Temporary lane closures will be in place on Lutwyche Road between Northey Street and Newmarket Road as required until late 2010.

Single lane closures will be in place on Lutwyche Road between Northey Street and the Inner City Bypass off-ramp until late July 2010.

Kedron: Gympie Road

Gympie Road (southbound) will be reduced to two lanes from Somerset Road to Broughton Road until late 2010.

Lutwyche/Windsor: Lutwyche Road

There will be temporary lane closures on Lutwyche Road between Chalk Street and Norman Avenue during night works. Work will be carried out between 8pm and 5am, Sunday to Thursday until the end of August 2010, weather permitting.

Lutwyche/Windsor: Lutwyche Road

There will be temporary lane closures during night works at the intersection of Lutwyche Road and Maygar Street. Work will be carried out between 8pm and 5am nightly, until Monday 26 July 2010, weather permitting.

Windsor: Truro Street

Changed traffic conditions at Truro Street are currently in place. The two existing southbound lanes on Lutwyche Road from Chalk Street will be continued 150 metres south on Truro Street between Stoneleigh Street and Annie Street. The T3 transit lane will be relocated to 100 metres south of Albion Road intersection. Work is scheduled to be completed by mid 2012, weather permitting.

Further information

Airport Link Team on 1800 721 783
Email: contactus@tjh.com.au

Airport Roundabout Upgrade

Airport Roundabout and Gateway Motorway: changed traffic conditions

There will be lane closures and detours on sections of the Airport Roundabout and Gateway Motorway for work on the East-West Arterial flyover and new Gateway Motorway Bridge.

Work will be carried out between 10pm and 4am, as required, and is scheduled to be completed by mid 2011, weather permitting.

East West Arterial Road lane closures

There will be single lane closures on East West Arterial Road between 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday and 24 hours a day on weekends, until the end of July 2010.

Height restrictions on the Airport Roundabout

There are height restrictions on the eastbound Airport Roundabout circulating lanes until late 2010.

Vehicles exceeding the five metre height restriction should detour via the northbound off-ramp. Alternatively, vehicles can continue north to the Toombul Road roundabout and access the southbound on-ramp to the Gateway Motorway before taking the Airport Drive exit.

Further information

Airport Link Team on 1800 721 783
Email: contactus@tjh.com.au

Brisbane Airport

Ongoing works on Moreton Drive

There will be ongoing works along Moreton Drive at Brisbane Airport continuing throughout July 2010. There will be some intermittent lane closures on Moreton Drive at night and during off-peak times.

Further information

Brisbane Airport Major Projects Team on 1300 732 240
Email: info@bacmajorprojects.com.au



Gateway Upgrade Project

North

Eagle Farm to Murarrie: Sir Leo Hielscher Bridges changed traffic conditions

Four lanes on the new Sir Leo Hielscher Bridge have been opened with more lanes progressively delivered as works are completed. The original Sir Leo Hielscher Bridge will remain open while it undergoes a six month staged refurbishment with three northbound lanes remaining open during peak periods. Changed traffic conditions will be in place on the original Sir Leo Hielscher Bridge, between 8pm and 4.30am, as required until late 2010, weather permitting.

South

Mackenzie to Eight Mile Plains: Gateway Motorway lane closures

Changed traffic conditions and lane closures are required for the Gateway Upgrade Project between Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road and Miles Platting Road. Closures will be in place between 8pm and 4:30am, as required until mid 2011, weather permitting.

Port of Brisbane Motorway and Lytton Road changed traffic conditions

The new southbound off-ramp to the Port of Brisbane Motorway has now opened. Traffic can access Lytton Road via the Links Road exit from the Port of Brisbane Motorway. The southbound off-ramp to Lytton Road has been temporarily closed until mid August 2010. Motorists should detour via the new southbound off ramp to the Port of Brisbane Motorway.

Further information

Gateway Upgrade Project Team on 1800 700 525
Email enquiries@gatewayupgradeproject.com.au

Brisbane City Council

Kingsford Smith Drive - Harvey Street to Theodore Street upgrade

Eagle Farm construction works

There will be temporary lane closures along Kingsford Smith Drive between Harvey Street and Theodore Street. This will allow for excavation works, road resurfacing, kerb and channel, footpath works and installing street lighting and sewer manholes until late July 2010. Construction will mostly occur between 7am and 5pm Monday to Saturday, with some night works and Sunday works. The speed limit has been reduced to 40 km/h throughout the construction site.

Further information

Community Relations Team on 1800 727 923

