

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Bruce Highway closure for overpass inspection

The Bruce Highway will be temporarily closed at the Normanby overpass in Gympie for a safety inspection from 6:30pm to midnight on Monday 25 March, weather permitting.

Transport and Main Roads (TMR) District Director Hendrik Roux said Bruce Highway motorists would detour via on and off-ramps at the overpass.

“Structural engineers need to further inspect the Normanby overpass after it was struck last year,” Mr Roux said.

“Signs and traffic controllers will be in place to direct motorists during the inspection.

“This inspection will help us to analyse potential repair options.

“The full structural analysis is expected to be completed mid-year and will provide clearer timeframes for repairs and costs.”

Mr Roux said the 17-tonne load limit and reduced 40km/h speed limit would remain in place across the overpass until it is repaired.

“The speed reduction is required to maintain the bridge’s safety and reduce the impact from heavy vehicles,” he said.

“We appreciate the community’s patience while we work to identify the most suitable repair option.”

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