

Tooraweenah Road Upgrade

June 2024

Project Overview

Tooraweenah Road Upgrade comprises of the reconstruction and sealing of 27km of unsealed sections of the Tooraweenah Road to the Shire boundary.

The Tooraweenah Road Upgrade has been designed so that in the 1 in 10 year rain event the road is not closed for any longer than 24 hours as a result of there being more than 200mm of water across the road. Currently the road is closed every time there is 5mm or more of rain in the Shire.

Extensive hydrology studies have been completed on the Tooraweenah Road Upgrade has been undertaken of the Tooraweenah project area, with the data analysed to prompt the location of the new culvert placement within the design. Most of the new culverts will be in an area where an existing culvert is located. The new culverts allow for a greater capacity therefore improving road access in times of wet weather.

On completion, where possible, the road will have a 9m wide seal allowing for 3.5m travel lanes and 1m shoulders. To achieve this construction work includes:

- Demolition of existing culverts and replacement with new concrete box culverts
- Improving the open drains
- Widening the existing road formation and constructing a new sealed pavement
- Line marking, signs and guardrail
- Vegetation of disturbed areas.

Funding

Roads of Strategic Importance (Rosi) Grant – \$22.96 million

What work are we doing?

Contractors will be responsible for constructing 16 sections of the road including the installation of new box culverts and where required new property accesses. Council staff will construct the remaining 16 sections of road between the box culvert sections. Council staff will also organise the final sealing and line marking and install the new signs along the route.



When will we be working on site?

Construction work is scheduled to commence in November 2024.

Day work hours are likely to be from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and Saturday from 7am to 1pm.

Managing our construction impacts

We aim to manage the work to avoid impacts to the community and the environment. Numerous mitigation measures have and will be implemented to help reduce the impact including:

- Review of Environmental Factors (REF) - completed
- Maintaining access to properties
- Regular updates to the community
- Regular checks of our roadworks signs to ensure compliance.

Property condition surveys for eligible properties

To give peace of mind to local residents, all properties within 400 metres of the worksite will be offered a free property condition survey before work occurs in the area. A letter of offer will be sent to eligible property owners.

Property Accesses

Property access will be maintained throughout the duration of the project though access may be restricted for short periods to allow for construction in that area. Access restrictions will be discussed with those affected prior to any closure being implemented.

The design process has identified all major property accesses that are required to be upgraded as part of the construction works. The cost to upgrade the property access to the design requirements for this project will be borne by the Council. Properties impacted will be contacted closer to the date of construction.

Traffic Management

There will be multiple roadworks sites along Tooraweenah Road over the next two years. The council will endeavor to reduce the impact on travel particularly during the peak harvest periods, however there will be times where short delays will be experienced.

Access to Water for Construction

Sourcing water for the contractor controlled areas will be the contractor's responsibility in line with the quality and environmental controls within the project specifications. The council will be sourcing water as per the environmental management plan for the project.

Contact us

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