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Kerry Road Bridge Replacement and Road Upgrades July 2021 to December 2023 - Kerry

Kerry Road, south of Beaudesert, has been identified as a local road of regional significance in the Scenic Rim and Council has several years of investment forward planned.

In the 2021-2022 Budget, Council allocated \$6.24 million to the road and bridge network along Kerry Road with contributions from the Australian Government through its Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program Round Seven and its Roads to Recovery Program; in addition to funding from the Queensland Government's Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme. These works complement the construction currently underway to replace Spring Creek and Keaveny Bridges jointly funded by the Australian Government's Bridge Renewal Program Round Four and Council.

These combined works include three bridge replacements and approximately 7.5km of road upgrade along Kerry Road.

Council has a long-term strategy to replace ageing timber bridges across the Scenic Rim with more contemporary structures of concrete or steel to deliver a more accessible and serviced region, with safer and more flood resistant structures.

The bridge replacements and road upgrades will improve the safety and network capacity of Kerry Road by making structural improvements to increase load limits of the road, increasing road widths and improving overall road geometry.

WHERE IS IT HAPPENING?

The existing timber bridges being replaced with concrete bridges on Kerry Road are:

- Keaveny Bridge
- Spring Creek Bridge, and
- Duck Creek Bridge.

Road upgrades will be carried out on three separate sections of Kerry Road:

- Approximately 2.1km north of Spring Creek Bridge to approximately 800 meters south of Spring Creek,
- Approximately 800 meters north of Duck Creek Road to just south of Duck Creek Bridge, and
- Approximately 800 meters north of Ward Bridge to just south of Keaveny Bridge.

See map overleaf for more details of locations and estimated timings.

WHEN IS IT HAPPENING?

Some works on the bridge replacements have commenced with Keaveny and Spring Creek Bridges mid-way through construction. The replacement works for Duck Creek Bridge are scheduled to commence by the end of this year. All three bridges will be complete by July 2022.

Major road upgrades are scheduled to commence in July/August 2021. Due to the extent of the upgrade works roadway construction will likely extend to December 2023, weather and construction conditions permitting.

Onsite works will generally occur between 7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Saturday.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

Kerry Road will remain open during the entire construction program. Variable message boards will be installed prior to works commencing and throughout the works to provide advance notice to motorists and residents.

These upgrades include road widening, geometry and drainage improvements which require substantial reconstruction of the road. This will result in minor alterations to driveway access, removal and replacement of culverts, and the removal of trees. Design consultants have undertaken a detailed engineering review to minimise the number of trees being removed as part of these road works.

There will be disruption to traffic flows during construction, and from time-to-time there will be traffic delays when the works require our team to use contra-flow traffic lights to safely manage vehicle movements. Every effort will be made to keep these traffic disruptions to a minimum.

There will be roadwork signage and specific directions in place, and when required, additional assistance will be provided to direct motorists.

While these works are being undertaken, Council acknowledges there may be a level of inconvenience to nearby property owners, local residents, visitors to the Kerry community, and the travelling public.

Your patience and understanding is appreciated during this time while Council undertake these important works, which will provide long-term benefits for our community.

QUESTIONS?

Any enquiries regarding the work should be directed to Council on 07 5540 5111 or mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au quoting 'Kerry Road Bridge Replacement and Road Upgrades'.

Project Information Sheet

Kerry Road

