

Date: Thursday 13 March 2025
Venue: Via Teams
Time: 9:00am

Attendees

- Abi Ralph
- Claudia Brassard
- Gaye Scott
- Lawrence Mason
- Robyn Guedes

Apologies

- Steven Sponberg

Road Update

Claudia presented the road update.

Alexandra Range

Currently work on all sites is continuing.



Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

- Tenders for road repairs are currently being evaluated.
- Tenders for the concrete sections in Degarra (Package 41) are currently under evaluation [CB to check on the GPS location of these repairs on CTBR Road to clarify it is pointing in the right direction.](#)
- Tenders for the repair of landslips on Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road closed 12 March 2025.

Noah Range Landslip

- Wet weather over last few weeks has slowed works.
- The aim is for work to be completed by the end of September, weather permitting.
- Alternative methodology resulting from work done by Red Fox has been accepted.
- Work on spoil haulage road well progressed, although hampered by wet weather.
- As radar is no longer needed suggestion made for the lights be turned to automatic eliminating the need for traffic controllers on site and for the road to be open 24 hours per day.

- CB's initial response was yes, there is certainly possibility for road to be open 24 hours per day – would need to be a very good reason as to why not. With the truck movements, it is likely traffic controllers will remain during work hours.

Noah Creek Bridge

- Tender is out to market and closed 21 March 2025.
- A site briefing was attended by five potential suppliers.
- QRA has approved funding.
- Cultural Heritage meeting to confirm the TOs will be held 17 March 2025.

Lees Bridge and Taylors Bridge

- Tender has been released for the construction of two bridges and closes 21 March.
- Currently doing a structural assessment of Stewart Creek Bridge to make sure heavy machinery travelling to Lees Bridge at the end of Douglas Creek Road can cross the bridge.

Other Updates

- Tenders for the repair of landslips south of Daintree River have closed.
- Seven offers were received and are currently evaluation process.
- All REPA submissions have been lodged with QRA – well before the 31 March deadline.
- Working on Betterment submissions now. Deadline for submission to QRA is 31 March.

Carried Forward

- Removal of chain from Daintree River – The chain is still on the riverbed; it is still attached to the mooring poles. It is scheduled to be removed when the channel is next dredged.
- Lawrence advised Cape Tribulation Road is deteriorating badly and residents' vehicles are being damaged. Truck movements are breaking the edges of the road in places. CB advised an inspection had been completed and holding works are planned.
- Following a machine working at AR1, water is now running directly into the Discovery Centre and under a walkway, which will eventually undermine infrastructure. Engineers did an inspection and Abi confirmed she had not received any follow up. [CB has seen the engineers report which involves building a drain and will forward to Abi.](#)
- Question asked about whether work on the Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road would result in road closures for any period of time. CB confirmed the tender requires contractor to keep at least one lane open at all times. With that said, there may be sections where the width of the road precludes this. If that's the case, road closures will be minimised, and plenty of notice provided.

Betterment Funding

- RG asked about the betterment funding committee.
- CB advised the committee included her, Pieter Kleinhans, Derek Andrews, the new Chief Engineer and the CEO.
- CB said a letter from the Bloomfield Residents Association would be beneficial as we needed to demonstrate community support. Recommended sending it to her and the Mayor.

Next Meeting

- Thursday 27 March 2025 - 10am