

Meeting #16

Date: Thursday 22 August 2024

Venue: Via Teams

Time: 10:00am – 10:45am

Attendees

- Abi Ralph
- Chris Jones
- Claudia Brassard
- Gaye Scott
- Jacklyn Kiernan
- Lawrence Mason
- Robyn Guedes

Apologies

- Andy Hewetson
- Brett Grainger
- Cole Claxton
- Stephen Sponberg

Road Update – North to South

Roads North

- Just a reminder we are in the “holding phase” while works planned to be completed under the Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) phase are scoped out and submitted to Queensland Reconstruction Authority for consideration.
- In the holding phase, Douglas Shire Council is able to complete works to maintain safe access. Any issues requiring attention may be reported for Gaye Scott.
- A funding submission for the permanent repairs for the internal roads in Degarra – Banabilla, Evergreen and Idriess, has been lodged with QRA for consideration.

Noah Range Landslip

- Contract documents have now been finalised and the tender has been released.
- Council has been responding to information requests from Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services.
- Potholes on the road at the base of the slip will be fixed 23 August 2024

Noah Creek Crossing

- The temporary bypass will be reinstated in the afternoon of 23 August, weather depending.
- The excavator is currently en route to the site and rock delivery will start 7am on 23 August.
- A routine inspection of the current bridge was completed 21 and 22 August.

Alexandra Range

- Site 1 – aiming for completion 30 August. Works outstanding include sealing works and debris pile to be moved.
- Site 2 – aiming for completion 12 September. Works outstanding include more drilling to occur, sealing and guardrail.
- Site 3 – contractors have encountered fractured rock which is delaying completion as the soil nails are not embedding.

Other

- Council received 11 submissions for repairs of unsealed roads damaged in the cyclone.
- Two contractors have been awarded and pre start meetings have occurred with both contractors.
- Both are in the process of sourcing material, machinery, etc to start work early September.

REPA Funding Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

- A damage assessment to identify permanent repairs required for Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road is still underway and there's no timeline as yet for when it will be submitted to QRA.

Heavy Vehicle Access Across Noah Creek

Two queries were raised relating to Noah Creek crossing:

1. What, if any, disruptions to heavy vehicle access are expected during the construction of the temporary crossing over Noah Creek?
 2. Will the access roads to the causeway be improved?
- CB advised Council was working on improving the access for larger, articulated vehicles. The southern end has been improved. The northern end is more challenging as we need to work around culturally significant areas.
 - Claudia advised the team was modifying the program for the new heavy vehicle access bypass to ensure vehicles and machinery required to complete repairs to Noah Range landslip have continuous access.
 - The new, more robust, heavy vehicle access bypass will be built upstream parallel to the existing bridge, and within the road reserve, and outside private property.
 - There will be sufficient space between the existing bridge and the new bypass for machinery to operate without interfering with traffic once the bypass opens.
 - Noahs Bridge will remain in place through the wet season, with regular maintenance and inspections.
 - The existing causeway is on a different alignment to the new bypass – for the most part. The plan is to keep the 16 tonne causeway open as long as possible while the new bypass is being built, up until the point the alignments cross.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 5 September 10am.