

Meeting #9

Date: Thursday 6 June 2024
Venue: Via Teams
Time: 9am

Attendees

Andy Hewetson
Claudia Brassard
Lawrence Mason
Robyn Guedes
Stephen Sponberg

Apologies:

Abi Ralph
Brett Grainger
Cole Claxton
Chris Jones
Gaye Scott
Jackie Kiernan

Road Update – North to South

Claudia Brassard provided an update on road repairs.

China Camp Road

- We have 13 km of road completed on China Camp Road and have put out material on another 7 km of road, some of this is too wet to grade properly due to wet weather.
- The grader is currently working in the drier sections and if the weather stays like it has for these past couple of days we will make some good progress.

Zig Zag

- The dozer has finally started on the southern end of Zig Zag Road and is working towards the washouts, the first being 3 km from the China Camp Road turn off.
- As we still have logistical problems we do not have the pipes on site to install so we are going to push a side track until we can get the pipes delivered.
- There is a truck load of gravel in Degarra that needs to be spread out this week when the loader and roller come off Roadtek's expected to be Friday 7 June.

10 Ten Mile Road

- Council has put some rock and gravel over the boggy crossings.

Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road

- Confirmed opening June 22 under traffic control.
- Traffic and safety audit, including signs, will be completed prior to opening
- Images from Cape Tribulation Road on following pages.





Noah Range Slip – Radar & Removal

- Radar has been commissioned and the road opening hours were extended on Friday 31 May
- Slope Risk Management Plan has been signed off
- Trigger Action Response Plan has been signed off (TARP)
- Road Manager and Traffic Controllers have been trained.
- Design of access track on-going
- Project team is in the process of preparing Recovery of Essential Public Assets (REPA) submission. Once this is complete and approved, DSC can then call for tenders for a suitably qualified contractor to carry out the work. This means there will be little activity on Noah Range slip until all this is complete.

Noah Creek Crossing

- Cultural Heritage Report has been finalised and final draft of Agreement between Traditional owners and Douglas Shire Council is ready for sign off.
- Causeway design at 90% completion
- Causeway approvals underway with Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Wet Tropics Management Authority and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services.
- Bridge design at 70%
- Recovery of Essential Public Assets (REPA) submission to build the bridge and causeway is 80% complete. We are preparing final costings and expect to submit to Queensland Recovery Authority for consideration by 14 June.
- Existing causeway – Site meeting planned for June 12 to resolve safety and noise issues

Alexandra Range

- Sites 1,2,3 further delayed by rain last week. Contractor is doing nightworks to accelerate repairs.
- Site AR1 has just finished soil-nailing the second bench.
- Site AR3 is currently excavating the second bench.
- Debris clean up delayed a week.
- Geotech investigations are occurring at Site 8.
- Images over the page.



Other Items Raised

- LM asked about heavy truck access for gravel replenishment to his property. CB confirmed that if LM contacted DSC, they would make arrangements for truck access.
- Community Reference group advised road edges are falling apart and there are many pot holes remaining. CB advised DSC crews will continue patching until final reconstruction is complete, this will be on-going for months to come.
- Stephen asked if the presented information could be shared to DC 360 group on Sunday. DSC advised most certainly.
- Stephen raised concerns about increase in caravans for school holidays and length restrictions and the painting of lengths on the road at the ferry. DSC will manage this with extra traffic control not to increase workload for the ferry operations.
- LM raised concern over 4WD buses making it through the switchback at Cape Tribulation Road now that lane width is reduced. DSC to work with the relevant companies.
- LM raised concern about descaling occurring? Why is it necessary? CB to report back.
- LM & Stephen raised concerns about the safety standard of the line marking. CB to report back.
- A request to increase service levels to improve the presentation of roadside verges was raised at meeting 18 April 2024. It was advised at the time to achieve this would require additional allocation to be included in 2024/2025 budget. CB advised there had been no increase in the operational budget for roadside maintenance approved for next financial year.
- Arborist inspecting and actioning trees. A report has been prepared with actions to be completed as soon as possible.

Daintree Ferry

- The priority lane ticket booth and lane will be operating from Friday 21 June through to 7 July, from 9am to 4:30pm. There will also be an extra deckhand on the ferry. These dates line up with the Qld school holidays.

Next Meeting

Next meeting – Thursday 13 June 2024 – 9am