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MOTORISTS MOVED ONTO TEMPORARY BRIDGE AS PART OF TERMEIL CREEK UPGRADE

The $21 million safety upgrade of the Princes Highway at Termeil Creek has taken a major step forward with motorists moved onto a temporary bridge from this Friday, July 10.

Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock MP said Termeil Creek is about 30 kilometres north of Batemans Bay and 15 kilometres south of Ulladulla and the section of road north of the Termeil Creek Bridge has a poor alignment.

“Work stated in February to realign a 1.6 kilometre section of the Princes Highway and replace the bridge over Termeil Creek,” Mrs Hancock said.

“The work will improve safety by removing the existing bends north of the bridge and providing a new, wider bridge designed to withstand a one in 100 year flood event.

“The new bridge was designed to be built in stages, which would have impacted traffic by reducing the highway to a single lane controlled by temporary traffic lights for up to 10 months.

“In order to minimise this impact and deliver a high level of customer service during the project, Roads and Maritime worked with contractors Civil Mining and Construction to develop a temporary two lane bridge next to the existing bridge.

“The temporary bridge will allow two lanes of traffic to be maintained while the new bridge is built, will improve safety for workers and motorists and reduce the time to build the new bridge.”

Mrs Hancock said the upgrade will also provide an improved passage for native animals using a rope bridge and an underpass across the highway.

The project is expected to be completed in mid-2016, weather permitting.

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