Dignams Creek – Princes Highway upgrade

Construction update

March 2018

Work is progressing well on the $45 million NSW Government funded upgrade, with traffic from the Princes Highway moved to a temporary road on the northern end of the project.

Both bridges are underway with the new Dignams Creek bridge 60% complete and work on the new bridge over Dignams Creek Road approximately 20% complete. The upgrade involves building a new two kilometre section of road to current highway standards, as well as improvements to approximately 800 metres of the Princes Highway on the southern end of the project. This section will include widening the shoulders of the northbound lane, widening the painted median and improving the sight distance around curves to improve road safety.
Project snapshot

Funding: $45 million NSW Government funding
Contractor: York Civil
Start date of construction: April 2017
Expected completion date: Mid 2019 (weather permitting)
Workers on site: 80
Pieces of large machinery on site: 20

Construction hours

Monday to Friday: 7am – 6pm*
Saturday: 8am – 1pm*
* We will give advance notice of any work outside these hours, including night work.

What’s happening in the next 3 months?

• Completion of Dignams Creek Bridge deck and railings
• Completion of retaining walls for Dignams Creek Road bridge
• Continue earthworks on northern end of project
• Completion of animal crossings under the new section of the highway. This includes one dedicated fauna crossing on the southern end of the project.

All 18 girders are in place on the new Dignams Creek Bridge and work on the bridge deck and railings are underway. The new bridge will provide greater flood immunity and the wider lanes and addition of shoulders will improve safety. Once complete the bridge will be 91 metres long and 13 metres wide.

Progress in the last three months

• Project is over 50% complete
• Retaining wall works for Dignams Creek Road bridge has commenced
• All 18 girders have been placed on the Dignams Creek bridge
• Motorists are now diverted to the temporary road
• Moved over 160,000m³ of earthworks, which is about the same as 64 Olympic-sized swimming pools
• Continued drainage works across the project
• Completed earthworks at the southern end of the project.

Traffic Arrangements

For the safety of road users and our workers, motorists are advised to follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs, and to keep to the reduced speed limit. Traffic is now travelling on the temporary road and will have a reduced speed limit of 60km/h. The temporary road will be in use until mid 2018.

A reduced speed limit of 40km/h will also be in place on Dignams Creek Road while work is carried out on the retaining walls of the new Dignams Creek bridge. Stop/slow traffic control will be needed at times to keep the work area safe.

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