

Colemans Bridge maintenance

Review of environmental factors

Background

Colemans Bridge opened in 1908 and crosses Leycester Creek on Union and Bridge streets, Lismore, linking the CBD and South Lismore. To ensure the heritage-listed bridge continues servicing the community and to reduce maintenance needs in the future, Roads and Maritime Services proposes to carry out bridge strengthening and maintenance.

The proposed maintenance work for the bridge includes:

- Re-stressing of the stress laminated timber (SLT) deck
- Strengthening the top chord of the Dare trusses
- Replacing the existing traffic barrier
- Repairing the bridge road surface
- Repairing the walkway including repainting the handrails
- Repainting of the bridge truss with hand tools to restore the appropriate heritage bridge colour scheme (steel elements - black, timber elements - white).

To carry out this work safely and efficiently, we are proposing to close **the bridge up to 16 weekends during the eight-month project. The community will be advised in advance of all weekend closures.**

The proposed hours for the weekend closures are **6am Saturday to 6pm Sunday**. Noisy work would be planned from 7am to 5pm during the weekend closures.

Under this proposal there would also be the need for occasional bridge closures on Mondays between 6am and 6pm. The community would be informed in advance on such occasions.

One of the walkways would be kept open for pedestrian access throughout the project. Weekend closures will extend the duration of the project but would avoid a full four-month closure of the bridge.

Work will generally be carried out between 6am and 6pm from Monday to Friday, during which time the bridge will remain open to traffic.

Review of environmental factors (REF)

We have prepared an REF to determine the environmental and social impacts of the Colemans Bridge maintenance project and ways to minimise these impacts. The REF is now on display for public information and comment.

The REF explains the proposed method to carry out the work and the proposed restoration work involved. It also addresses how the work will be managed and the proposed methods used to minimise environmental impacts on:

- The local community through access, noise and vibration
- Flora and fauna
- Heritage
- Soils and water quality
- Flooding.

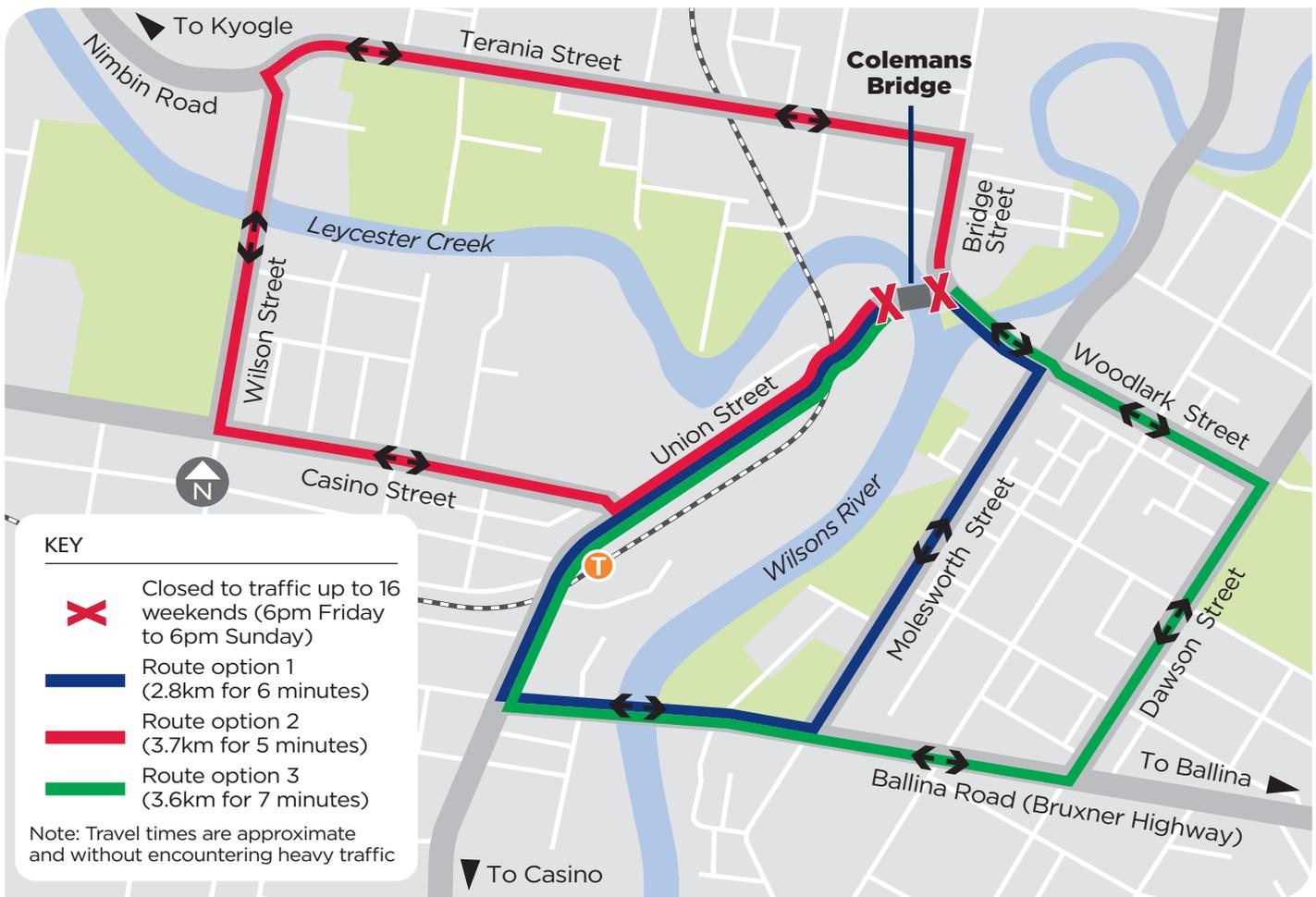
To help minimise impacts associated with the project, we have been discussing the proposal for some time with nearby businesses, Lismore City Council and other potentially impacted stakeholders.

We are inviting community feedback on the REF until Monday 29 July 2019.

Display locations

The REF can be viewed online or at the following locations:

- Lismore City Council, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah
- Lismore Library, 110 Magellan Street, Lismore
- Lismore Visitor Information Centre, 207 Molesworth Street, Lismore.



Alternative routes during Coleman Bridge closures

Community drop-in session

Project staff will be available to discuss the project at Lismore Library from **2pm to 7pm** on **Tuesday 23 July 2019**. There will be no formal presentations so you can turn up at any time during the session to ask questions or provide feedback.

Next steps

Feedback received will be considered as we finalise planning for the essential maintenance work and a submissions report summarising feedback will be published. We will keep the community informed as the project progresses. Work is expected to start by October 2019 and will take about eight months to complete, weather permitting.

Have your say:

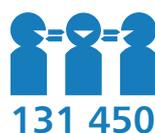
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Coleman Bridge
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