

Project update



MAY 2015

ADDITIONAL CROSSING OF THE CLARENCE RIVER AT GRAFTON

The NSW Government is funding early work on the additional crossing of the Clarence River at Grafton. The new crossing will connect the Pacific and Gwydir highways at South Grafton with Villiers Street in Grafton, via Pound Street. The project received planning approval in December 2014.

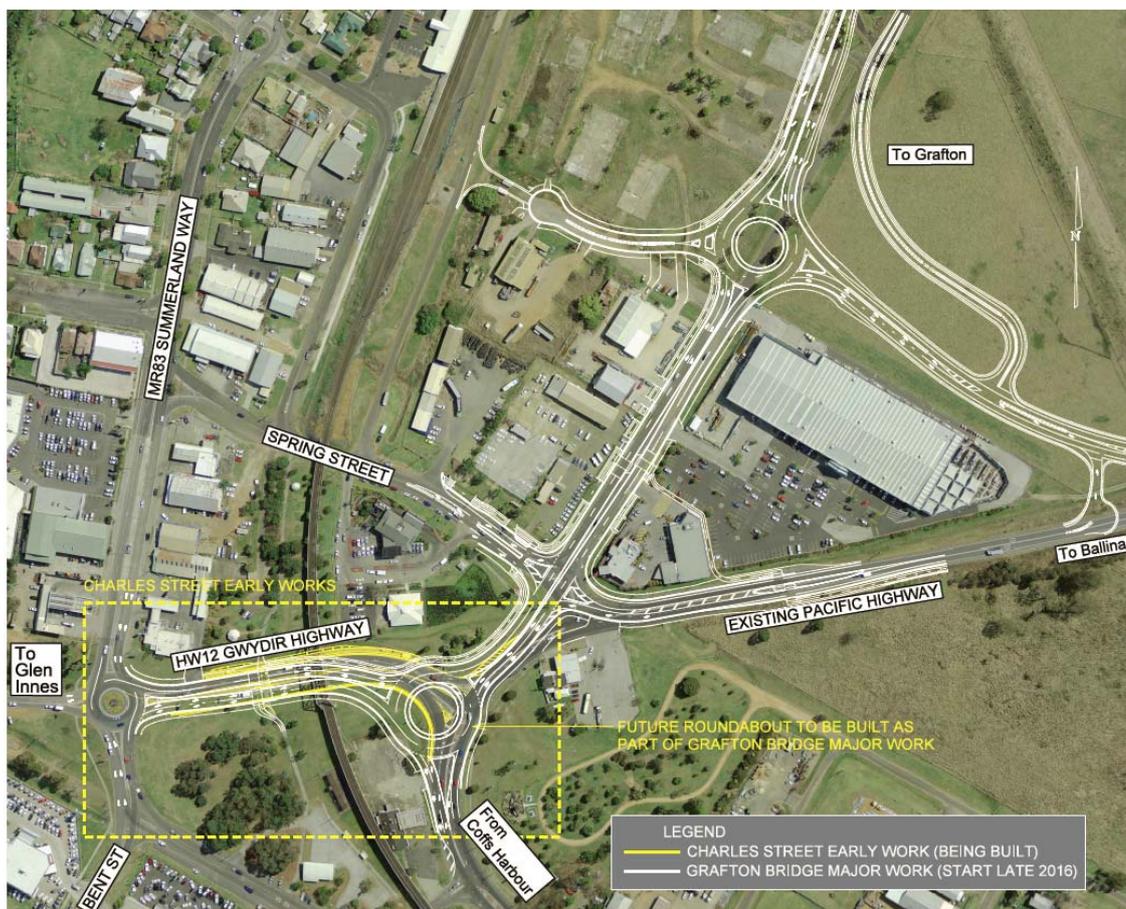
Charles Street (Gwydir Highway) upgrade

Early work to upgrade Charles Street (Gwydir Highway) between the Pacific Highway and Bent Street to four lanes started in February 2015. The work provides an opportunity to address existing traffic issues around the intersection of the Gwydir and Pacific highways (at Charles Street) and deliver immediate benefits to traffic flows.

Paving activities started this month including concrete production, transporting and pouring of concrete. In May, saw cutting will also start on the upgrade section. Some out of hours work may be required and nearby residents will be consulted.

Over the next few months motorists may experience partial lane closures and are reminded to follow the direction of traffic controllers, adhere to reduced speed limits and follow traffic signs during this time.

Other preparation activities since February include utility relocation, establishment of traffic control and barrier installation.



Field investigations

During the coming months, geotechnical activities to provide important information for the design and construct contract will be carried out. This work includes drilling in the Clarence River and investigations in the road reserve. Some restrictions in the river will be required however access will be maintained at all times.

Navigational signage will be in place and the community is asked to contact the project team should they have any questions about restrictions.

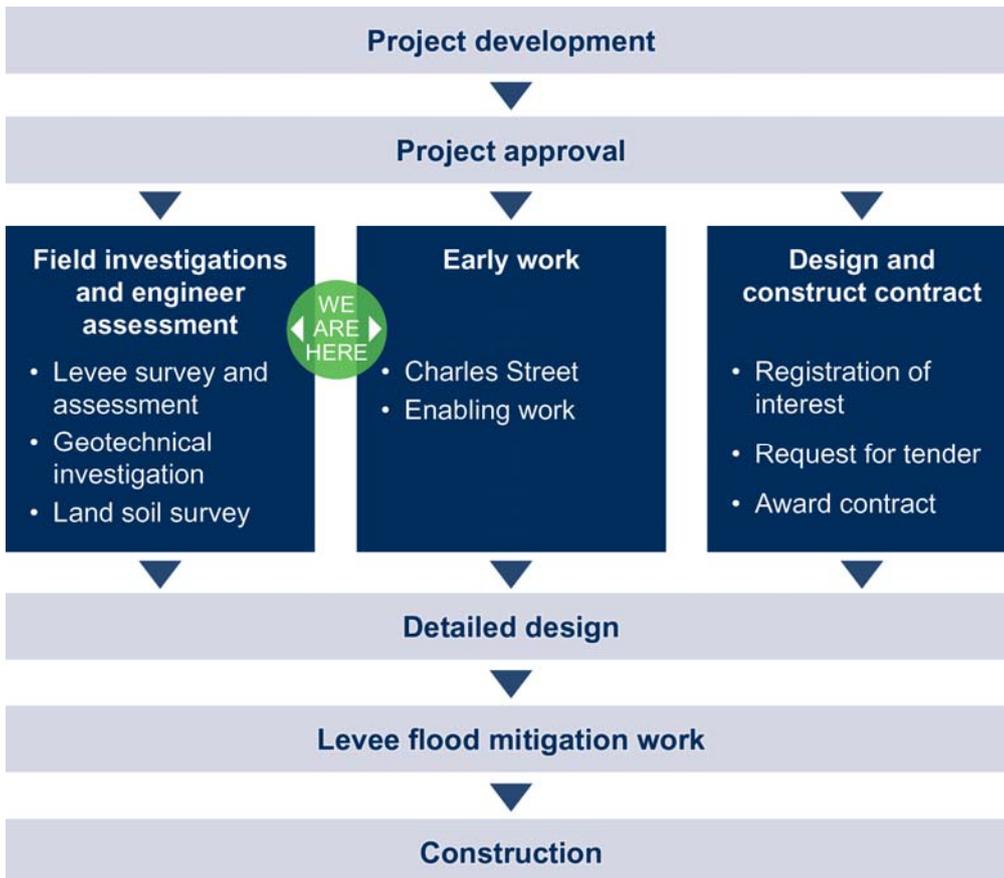
In March, field and ground surveys required to inform detailed design of flood mitigation work also started. Property owners impacted by the investigations have been contacted directly.

Next steps

Contractors have been invited to register their interest in tendering for the project. A shortlist of applicants will be selected and invited to submit tenders for the design and construction of the project.

It is expected the successful tenderer will be announced early next year.

Project flowchart



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