

PROJECT MANAGERS UPDATE - JUNE 2012

Further investigations have been carried out on the six short-listed options announced in January 2012. The results of the assessments and further design refinements will be included in the upcoming Route Options Development Report, which will be released for community comment in the coming months.

The Route Options Development Report will also include technical papers on the following investigations for the short-listed options:

- Traffic assessment
- Flooding assessment
- Geotechnical investigations
- Landscape and urban character assessments
- Social and economic assessments
- Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage assessments
- Flora and fauna assessments
- Noise assessments
- Cost estimates and value for money assessments.

Your feedback will provide valuable input into the decision on a preferred route option. Opportunities for community involvement and forums on the six short-listed options will be advertised in the near future.

Six options have been short-listed in the work to identify a preferred option for an additional crossing of the Clarence River at Grafton. The short-listed options are:

- E - Cowan Street, South Grafton to Villiers Street, Grafton.
- A - New bridge parallel to and immediately upstream of the existing bridge connecting Bent Street, South Grafton and Fitzroy Street, Grafton.
- C - Junction of Pacific Highway and Gwydir Highway, South Grafton to Pound Street, Grafton.
- 11 - Existing Pacific Highway north of South Grafton to Fry Street, Grafton.
- 14 - Existing Pacific Highway north of South Grafton to North Street, Grafton via Kirchner Street.
- 15 - Existing Pacific Highway north of South Grafton to Summerland Way north of Grafton, via Kirchner Street.

The short-listed options are shown in the January 2012 community update or see the short-listed options map on the Additional crossing of the Clarence River at Grafton page of this website.

Comments received, the investigations carried out and the outcome of a value management workshop will all be inputs into a decision on a preferred option for an additional crossing.

A copy of the *Preliminary Route Options Report - Final*, January 2012 which outlines the short-listing process on the 25 preliminary route options is available on the 'project documents' page of this website or by contacting the project team.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Following the release of the *Preliminary Route Options Report - Final* (January 2012) earlier this year, additional information has been made available on the project website.

This information includes the strategic cost estimates and benefit cost ratio assessments in response to community feedback. The information is available on the project documents page under "Studies and reports".

If you require any further information or have any questions or comments on the additional crossing of the Clarence River, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone, email or letter.

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