



Australian Government



# Coffs Harbour bypass

Transport for NSW

## Fact Sheet

### Construction Road User Safety | September 2023

The Australian and NSW governments are funding the \$2.2 billion, 14-kilometre Coffs Harbour bypass project. The bypass will boost the regional economy and improve connectivity, road transport efficiency and safety for all local and interstate motorists.

The safety of the Coffs Harbour community, including those who visit the area and the people who will deliver this important work, are our priority. During construction we have put in place measures to manage road user safety for the Coffs Harbour bypass project. This fact sheet provides details about how we manage safety for our community, all road users and our workforce when travelling near construction sites.



Road work signage in place on the Coffs Harbour bypass

## Road user safety during construction

We also focus on safety for road users who are travelling near our work sites. Changes the community and road users will see during construction to minimise disruptions and impacts include temporary speed reductions, turning restrictions, relocating bus stops and school kiss-and-ride zones, detours for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, particularly for local roads. Additionally, there are some local roads which will be permanently or temporarily closed. Access to private properties and businesses will be maintained throughout construction.

## Temporary road work speed limits and zones

Road conditions change in construction zones and speed reductions are required to keep workers and road users safe. A combination of 60 km/h and 40 km/h roadwork speed zones are in place to reduce traffic speeds along or through work zones.

Long term roadwork speed zones introduced during construction include a 60 km/h speed zone for the Pacific Highway from Sawtell Road to Englands Road, and from Charlesworth Bay Road to north of Campbell Close. Other construction zones will move according to the activities required which will require the implementation of 60km/h and 40 km/h roadwork speed zones.



Road work speed limit in place at Korora

## Construction vehicles on local roads

The Coffs Harbour bypass team is committed to minimising traffic movements on local roads to reduce impacts on community. Some restrictions we are placing on construction vehicles to improve safety for the community and our workers include:

- No right turn out of West Korora Road onto the Pacific Highway
- No right turn into or out of Campbell Close at the intersection with the Pacific Highway
- No use of the Pacific Highway north u-turn bay between James Small Drive and Opal Boulevard
- No construction heavy vehicles movements on North Boambee Road and James Small Drive during school pick up and drop off times.

Additionally, the project has installed a canteen at the main construction compound site on North Boambee Road to minimise workforce light vehicle movements to purchase meals and refreshments.

While we will try to use the alignment for a large amount of the haulage of materials, we will need to have heavy vehicles travelling on local roads. In some instances, we will implement heavy vehicle speed limit restrictions of 40km/h on local roads for the safety of all road users and the community.

## Bus stops and kiss-and-ride facilities

There are likely to be temporary impacts to existing bus stops during construction. Some bus stops may need to be temporarily relocated. Temporary bus stops will be located within a reasonable walking distance (less than 400m) of the existing bus stop, and bus services will remain the same. Customers will be notified of any changes to stop locations through signage and travel apps such as Trip Planner.

Kororo Public School kiss-and-ride has been temporarily moved to James Small Drive while we build the bypass. Parents should enter the kiss-and-ride from the southern end of James Small Drive. The speed limit on the Pacific Highway has also been reduced to 60km/h to provide safer access into and out of James Small Drive. Temporary signage will be installed at affected locations.

## Safe access for pedestrians and cyclists

Pedestrian access is being maintained during construction but there are temporary changes to existing footpaths with alternative paths installed as required. When necessary, safety barriers are being installed to separate construction sites from pedestrian routes and/or people from traffic movements. Footpaths remain accessible for all pedestrians, including people using mobility devices and prams.

Cyclists continue to have access to cycle paths during construction. Detours are in place, as required, to separate cyclists from work zones.

## Ensuring the new bypass is safe

One of the key objectives of the project is to improve safety for motorists. The bypass will improve safety for local and interstate motorists by removing vehicles from the centre of Coffs Harbour and will improve safety for all road users along the existing Pacific Highway. Prior to construction, the existing highway through Coffs Harbour had a motorist, cyclist and pedestrian casualty rate more than three times higher than expected of a road of this type.

To ensure the project objectives are met, once construction has been completed and before the new bypass becomes operational, a road safety audit will be completed. A road safety audit is a formal inspection of the design, installation and operation of road projects on the network to determine their suitability. Road safety audits will be carried out in accordance with Austroads Safety Audit Guide, the TfNSW Guidelines for Road Safety Audit Practices, and the Technical Direction on the completion of the staged works.

## What you can do?

Coffs Harbour bypass is continuing major construction with active working sites across the alignment. We have started, and will continue, to be using large plant and equipment across our sites as well as carrying out controlled blasting, hammering and drilling.

For the safety of the community and our workers, access to the bypass construction site is restricted to authorised personnel only. Members of the public should not enter any Coffs Harbour bypass construction site at any time.

Throughout construction, the project will use monitoring technology to advise drivers of their speed in work zones. We will be working with Transport for NSW and NSW Police to ensure the ongoing safety of the community, motorists and our workforce. Motorists should keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs.

For traffic incidents you can also notify the Transport Management Centre on **131 700**.

For more information about the importance of motorists' driving to speed limits and conditions, read Transport for NSW's Centre for Road Safety speed factsheet.

## Stay updated with traffic changes



For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit **livetraffic.com** or download the **Live Traffic NSW App**.

The Coffs Harbour bypass electronically distributes weekly traffic updates to keep the community and motorists informed about changes to traffic arrangements and road conditions during construction. If you would like to be added to our email notification distribution list, please send an email to **community@chbteam.com.au** including your name, contact details and address.



## Contact us

If you have any enquiries and complaints, please contact the project team on 1800 550 621 or [community@chbteam.com.au](mailto:community@chbteam.com.au)



## Translation and interpreting service

If you need help understanding this information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call us on 1800 550 621