

MEDIA STATEMENT

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New bridge on the way for Coominya

- The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has commenced detailed design in preparation to replace the Buaraba Creek bridge, known locally as Neithe Bridge, on Coominya Connection Road.
- The project will improve safety and network reliability by replacing the existing narrow timber bridge with a new wider concrete structure in the same location.
- Design is expected to be complete in late 2024.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has commenced detailed design in preparation to replace the Neithe Bridge over Buaraba Creek on Coominya Connection Road, just south of Coominya.

The current bridge has been in operation since 1947, and carries more than 1,100 vehicles every day, with a significant portion of heavy vehicles.

The project will improve safety and network reliability by replacing the current timber bridge with a new wider, two-lane, concrete structure in the same location.

The new bridge will also support growing transport demands and community connectivity, while minimising ongoing maintenance costs.

The Queensland Government has allocated \$12 million towards project design and construction, under the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2023–24 to 2026–27.

Design is expected to be complete in late 2024, with construction timeframes to be determined post-design. TMR will continue to keep the community informed as the project progresses.

Quotes attributable to the Transport and Main Roads Regional Director, Mr Scott Whitaker:

"The Department of Transport and Main Roads has investigated options and determined that the new bridge will be built in the same location as the current bridge.

We are pleased to commence detailed design work to replace the existing timber bridge over Buaraba Creek with an improved modern, wider and sturdier concrete structure.

"The design phase will include field work such as environmental surveys and geotechnical investigations to further inform the project design.

"Traffic management options will also be further investigated to ensure ongoing traffic flow and movement during the construction phase.

"This project will deliver for motorists travelling on this section of Coominya Connection Road."

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