

Normanby Overpass over-height detour signs

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Project overview

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will be installing permanent variable message displays on the approaches to the Normanby Bridge overpass along the Bruce Highway at Gympie. The message displays are to increase awareness to drivers of over-height vehicles of the need to detour to avoid striking the overpass.

The Normanby Bridge was reconstructed on two occasions following severe damage caused by an over-height load in 2009 and again in 2018.

Laser height detection systems were installed in 2019 which detect approaching high vehicles. Once detected, the system triggers flashing lights on a static sign on the highway, along with a UHF broadcast system that delivers a message over UHF CH40 via a short-range broadcast to advise the over-height vehicle to take the detour routes.

To further reduce the risk of over-height loads contacting the bridge, TMR will be installing permanent variable message displays on each approach to the overpass. The message signs will display a pre-programmed message sequence which will be triggered by the laser height detection system. This will enable the specific delivery of information to the targeted road users.

Work impacts

Works will generally be completed between 6am and 6pm Monday to Friday, commencing from late-January 2023 until approximately late-April 2023, weather and conditions permitting. Some night works may also be required periodically.

Motorists are reminded to observe all roadworks signage when approaching the site and be aware of changed conditions, such as reduced speed limits and queued traffic, and adapt their driving behaviour accordingly.

TMR thanks motorists and nearby residents and businesses for their patience and cooperation while these works are carried out.

www.QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au will be kept up to date with advice about potential disruptions so motorists can plan for their journey.

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