



Tonkin Gap Project and Associated Works



Frequently Asked Questions Dunstone Road closure

Q: Why do you need to close Dunstone Road?

A: We need to close Dunstone Road to build two additional bridges to enable the subsequent widening of Tonkin Highway to three lanes in each direction.

Completing the additional bridges within the allocated time schedule is critical to the construction program. Otherwise, it will double the construction time and significantly delay the overall project.

Our design, engineering and traffic management teams have investigated alternative options to avoid a full closure; however, none of these were feasible.

In order to excavate the bridge footings and construct the drainage, we will need to dig up a significant portion of the road. The excavation of the footings extends underneath the existing road; therefore, a full closure is unavoidable.

Q: Will you maintain access for pedestrians and cyclists?

A: Yes. We will maintain the east-west shared path access at all times.

Q: Why can't you keep one side of Dunstone Road open?

A: Dunstone Road is quite a narrow road, especially in the area under Tonkin Highway. Allowing traffic, cyclists, and pedestrians through at the same time while maintaining a safe clearance area from the works, is not possible.

We are required to put in 22 piers for these bridges. As this is a narrow road, these bridge piers will be relatively thin and will require support during construction. This further requires additional working space around the bridge structure.

A range of heavy machinery will also be required during construction including haulage trucks, cranes, excavators and concrete agitators. The portion of the road that has not been excavated for the pier footings will be utilised for operating the machinery.

Q: Can you not close the road for shorter periods of time?

A: Unfortunately, no. Because we are maintaining shared path access, we are unable to close Dunstone Road for a shorter period and complete all the works in one go.

Instead, we will be required to complete the works in stages, completing bridge footings and piers on one

side of the road and move on to the other, while maintaining safe access for pedestrians and cyclists.

Q: How do I get to Guildford Road, heading east?

A: If you are coming from west of Tonkin Highway (Wyatt Road side) and want to head east on Guildford Road, you can turn left onto Guildford Road, right onto King William Street and follow Olfe St Hamilton St, Short St and Slade St. From Slade St you can turn left onto Guildford Road.

Q: Has this been approved by the City of Bayswater?

A: Yes. The City of Bayswater released the proposed closure for public comment. The closure was then approved by the City of Bayswater following a public notice and review period on 18 March 2021.

Further information

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