Overview of the upgrade

Pacific Highway upgrade

As of 30 April, about 82 per cent of the final 657 kilometre length of the Pacific Highway are four lane divided road. The remaining kilometres are all in major construction and are on schedule to open before or during 2020.

To help keep you up to date with travel time while we build the upgrade, we’ve installed five new variable message signs between Glenugie and Ballina bypass. We also continue to move traffic onto new sections of road providing a safer and more reliable journey for local communities.

* including workers not on site working across the whole Woolgoolga to Ballina project

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The 155 kilometre upgrade between Woolgoolga and Ballina is the last highway link between Hexham and the Queensland border to be upgraded to four lanes. 26 kilometres opened in 2017 and the remaining sections are due to open before or during 2020.

The project was approved by the NSW Minister for Planning in June 2014 and the Federal Minister for the Environment in August 2014. When complete the project will provide a four lane divided road from the northern end of the Woolgoolga bypass to the southern end of the Ballina bypass. The project is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW governments. Roads and Maritime Services, Pacific Complete and its contractor partners are working together to deliver the project.
Overview for March / April 2019
- Start of concrete paving between Tyndale and Maclean
- Start of bridge work for the Maclean interchange following the release of its soft soil sites
- Traffic was moved onto the eastern roundabout and southbound off ramp of the future Iluka interchange, providing a new temporary access for Iluka Road while the project team continue to build the interchange.

Successes / achievements for March / April 2019
- Traffic was moved onto new southbound lanes between the Iluka Road turn-off and Mororo Road
- All concrete work for the new bridge over Richmond River is now complete
- Installation of all bridge girders over highway traffic is now complete

Environment
- Focus on site erosion and sediment control following an increase in rainfall after a dry summer

Stakeholder and community engagement
- A temporary asphalt batch plant was confirmed at McIntyres Lane, Gulmarrad following consultation at the start of March

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Glenugie to Maclean

Future Maclean interchange eastern roundabout progress following release of soft soil sites

Work at Glenugie continues to progress

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Devils Pulpit to Broadwater

Woodburn-Evans Head Road overpass bridge looking north

Future Woodburn interchange looking south

View from paving machine south of New Italy

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New bridge over the Clarence River at Harwood

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New bridge over the Richmond River at Broadwater

Concrete work complete for new bridge over Richmond River at Broadwater

Start of restoration work at the new bridge over Richmond River at Broadwater compound site

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