

Early work progress update

The project team continues with the important early work necessary before major construction starts.

Minor site compounds installed

We have installed minor site compounds and laydown areas on North Boambee Road, Englands Road, Bruxner Park Road and Spagnolos Road. These compounds operate between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays, and will be used for office accommodation, staff amenities (such as lunchrooms and toilets), light vehicle and plant parking, material, equipment and storage.

Noise

Noise was assessed as our biggest environmental issue during the development of the Environmental Impact Statement.

As a result of the project's conditions of approval, we are required to on-board an independent Acoustic Advisor to review all noise impacts from current and planned activities. John Hutchinson has been approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) as the interim Acoustic Advisor. The Acoustic Advisor must be independent of the major contractor and must also be suitably qualified and experienced in noise modelling and noise and vibration management. John has started work on the project reviewing noise assessments for early work activities. John can be contacted via the project team at coffsharbourbypass@transport.nsw.gov.au.

At-house noise treatments (AHNT) are underway and we've reached out to over 500 houses. GHD, the contractor coordinating the AHNT has finalised scoping for treatment on 33 properties and a further 15 are scheduled in the coming months. A pre-approved panel of 12 local builders will be completing the work and are expected to start in the coming months.

Utility relocations

We have completed essential electrical work near Highlander Drive and North Boambee Road and have started electrical utility relocations at Englands Road. Electrical relocations in Spagnolos and Buchanans Roads are expected to start within the next few months.

Water main relocations on the corner of Coramba and Spagnolos Roads started in February 2021 and will take about five months. Similar work at North Boambee Road, west of Highlands Estate and Stadium Drive along the Pacific Highway, has started and will also take about four to five months to complete.

Telecommunications work is planned to start in late April or early May.

Geotechnical investigations

To gather information for detailed design we have continued geotechnical investigations at the southern and central interchange locations and at North Boambee. The drilling and test pitting have collected core samples which have now been sent for laboratory testing. Once the results are received, analysis will be undertaken by our geotechnical engineers in preparation for the design elements including bridge piles, foundation treatments, earthwork operations and other construction considerations such as suitability of material to be reused onsite.

House removals

We have started removing ten houses along the alignment owned by Transport for NSW to allow for further early works to progress.