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Major construction starts on Coffs Harbour bypass

The Australian and NSW governments are funding the \$2.2 billion, 14-kilometre Coffs Harbour bypass project.

Transport for NSW's major contractor, Ferrovial Gamuda Joint Venture, is starting large-scale construction work in early March. The bypass is expected to open to traffic before the end of 2026 and be completed in 2027.

Major work will start at several locations along the bypass corridor and tunnelling is expected to start in the second half of 2023. During the coming months, key activities will involve setting up the site for earthworks. This work will include:

- Establishing access points to the corridor, drainage and bridge work sites and compound sites
- Removing vegetation in the project corridor and along the project boundary to install fencing
- Fencing the project boundary
- Removing buildings, particularly for the new Englands Road interchange
- Installing erosion sediment controls, sensitive environmental area signs and flagging and Panama disease management control measures at site access points
- Building new road connections between Campbell Close and the Pacific Highway and between Russ Hammond Close and Korora School Road.

Access for construction vehicles

Initially construction vehicles will access the site using local roads including Bruxner Park Road, Campbell Close, Coramba Road, Englands Road, Isles Drive, James Small Drive, Korora School Road, Mackays Road, North Boambee Road, Old Coast Road, Opal Boulevard, Shephards Lane, and West Korora Road. To minimise disruptions during school drop-off and pick-up times, heavy vehicles will not use North Boambee Road, Kororo School Road and James Small Drive between 8am and 9:30am and 2:30pm and 4pm on school days.

Longer term hauling of materials will mainly be through the project corridor to minimise heavy vehicle movements on local roads.

How will the work affect you?

Construction work can create noise and dust which may impact nearby properties. You can also expect speed reductions, traffic changes and short stoppages on some local roads. All work affecting traffic will be managed under traffic control, and we ask motorists to allow extra travel time, follow all directions of traffic controllers and be patient. We will minimise impacts during our work by:

- Using portable barriers to reduce noise from machinery, when required
- Switching off vehicles and equipment when not in use

- Using water to dampen work areas to minimise dust and applying mulch and surface treatments to seal areas that have been cleared and are not in use
- Using erosion controls to stop sediment getting into waterways
- Using traffic control to minimise disruptions to motorists.

Safety during construction

Safety of workers and the community is a priority for Transport for NSW and the Ferrovial Gamuda Joint Venture. Members of the public are not permitted to access the construction site. Speed limits on some roads will be reduced during construction to ensure the safety of our workers and the community. All motorists should keep to speed limits and take extra care as road conditions will change including removal of road shoulders, heavy vehicles turning and increased traffic movements. Importantly, motorists must abide to all road work speed limits due to these changes – even if road workers are not visible in the area.

Out of hours looking ahead

Some work will need to be done outside of standard construction hours to minimise impacts to highway traffic. During the next three months this work is expected to include:

- Geotechnical investigations in the median of the Pacific Highway near Fernleigh Court will require lane closures in early March 2023
- Using semi-trailers for deliveries to work areas along Bay Drive, Charlesworth Bay Road, Bruxner Park Road and James Small Drive until May 2023
- Additional under-boring and trenching adjacent to and under the Pacific Highway and local roads, including Old Coast Road, James Small Drive, Bruxner Park Road, and Charlesworth Bay Road, periodically until June 2023
- Removing vegetation and installing concrete safety barriers and project signs along the Pacific Highway at Korora and Boambee March to May 2023.

Additional out of hours work may be required due to unforeseen circumstances. Transport for NSW will provide written notification before the work starts. Directly impacted residents will be advised of the likely impacts and mitigation measures.

Standard construction hours

Our standard construction hours are:

- Monday to Friday from 7am to 6pm
- Saturday from 8am to 1pm.

Construction work to build the three tunnels will be 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except for public holidays once noise management measures are implemented at these sites.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience as we build this important project which will boost the efficiency and safety for local and interstate motorists.

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