Elizabeth Avenue, Clontarf, active transport overpass Connecting Clontarf Beach State High School campuses April 2022

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) would like to provide information on the Elizabeth Avenue active transport overpass project. The project will provide a fully enclosed pedestrian overpass over Elizabeth Avenue, about 35 metres south of the King Street intersection.

The \$19 million project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments on an 80:20 basis through the Road Safety Program.

The project follows a school submission for an overpass to provide a safe crossing for students. The single span steel structure will provide the highest level of student protection, particularly at this location where the school campuses are split by a busy fourlane, high speed road environment. An overpass is a recommended crossing facility in these circumstances due to its superiority in removing all potential conflicts between vehicles and students.

Connectivity with Clontarf Beach State High School's facilities on either side of Elizabeth Avenue will be improved to not only benefit school students but also provide greater protection for local sporting groups as well as all members of the community who use the overpass.

The overpass will be accessible to pedestrians, bike riders and mobility devices with staircases and ramps connecting to the school campuses and a surrounding shared pathway network.

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The project will involve:

- installing a single span, *Disability Discrimination Act* 1992 compliant overpass with protective safety screen
- installing staircases connecting to overpass ramps
- installing lockable access to the eastern and western campus of Clontarf Beach State High School
- extending existing pathways to connect to overpass ramps
- installing pedestrian barrier fencing on the Elizabeth Avenue median, between Isobel Street and Oasis Court
- removing trees, vegetation trimming and landscaping of the area.

Trees will be retained where possible however vegetation, including trees, will need to be removed to facilitate construction. Landscaping will be undertaken at the completion of construction and will include planting of trees that will mature over time.

While every effort will be made to retain trees, the impacted vegetation is not significant for native flora and fauna because it is separated from surrounding habitat areas. The project area does not support remnant or high value regrowth vegetation or essential habitat. Fauna movement (such as koalas) is already compromised by the road and urbanisation that has cleared the area.

TMR is working with Moreton Bay Regional Council to consider the best location for fauna fencing to help stop native animals accessing the road.

Early works are anticipated to commence mid-2022, weather and construction schedule permitting. Construction will involve off-site fabrication of the overpass for installation following site preparation. Construction is expected to be complete in mid-2023, weather and construction conditions permitting.

For more information

TMR will host an information stand at the sportsfield during the school's cross-country event on Tuesday 26 April 2022 from 12 noon to 2pm. Individual sessions for community members can also be arranged following this. Please contact TMR using the details below.

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