Frederickton to Eungai Pacific Highway upgrade

Project update - May 2016

The Australian and NSW governments are jointly funding the $675 million Frederickton to Eungai Pacific Highway upgrade, linking Kempsey bypass and the existing four lane divided road north of Eungai Rail. This community update outlines the traffic staging as we open the project over the next three months.

Overview

The Frederickton to Eungai upgrade will provide 26.5 kilometres of four-lane divided road, including 20 new bridges, a new interchange at Stuarts Point Road and the installation of safe, modern rest areas on both sides of the highway at Cooks Lane, south of Barraganyatti.

Benefits of the upgrade include improved road safety, better highway alignment, uninterrupted highway traffic flow and easy access on and off the highway for local traffic.

The upgrade when fully complete connects the Kempsey bypass to the existing four lane divided road north of Eungai Rail. The completion of the Frederickton to Eungai upgrade will open up 40 kilometres of four-lane divide road with a speed limit of 110km/h.

This upgrade forms part of the 105 kilometres of upgrade under construction between Port Macquarie to Coffs Harbour. Some 48 kilometres of new four-lane divided road is expected to open during 2016, with the remaining 57 kilometres progressively opening in 2017, weather permitting.

What’s happening

The Frederickton to Eungai upgrade will be opened to traffic in May 2016.

However, after opening a small amount of finishing work will still be required at Frederickton interchange and north of the Stuarts Point interchange. This work is expected to take about three months to complete.

The new traffic arrangements on opening in May 2016 will include:

- Opening 25km of new four-lane divided highway from the existing Frederickton interchange to the Stuarts Point interchange at a speed limit of 110km/h
- Increasing the speed limit on the existing 14.5km Kempsey bypass from 100km/h to 110km/h
- Between the new Stuarts Point interchange and the existing four-lane highway north of Eungai Rail, traffic on the new highway will be reduced to one lane in both directions, with a temporary speed limit of 80km/h to tie in to the existing four lane highway and allow temporary road pavement to be removed and finishing work to be completed. This is expected to remain in place until August 2016, weather permitting. (see map – Stage 2 - Stuarts Point Interchange).
• The new northbound highway entry ramp at the Frederickton interchange will remain closed until August 2016, weather permitting, to allow for modifications to the Frederickton interchange roundabout. Northbound traffic from the Kempsey area are advised to use the South Kempsey interchange to access the highway during this time. Northbound traffic from the Frederickton area are advised to use the existing Pacific Highway, which will become Macleay Valley Way and then use the new Stuarts Point Interchange. (see map – Stage 2 – Frederickton Interchange and Stage 2 – Stuarts Point Interchange)

• From May to August 2016, further temporary traffic changes will take place as minor finishing work is completed on interchanges and local access roads, weather permitting. A map overleaf shows the traffic stage details.

Traffic control
Variable message signs, reduced speed limits and traffic control will be in place to guide road users and the community safely through the new upgrade.

For your safety, please follow all signs and directions given by traffic controllers.

We appreciate your patience over this time. For traffic updates please see Live Traffic at www.livetraffic.com or call 132 701.

Thank you
The project team would like to thank the community for your patience and support during the building of this project.

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