

Northbank Safety and Security Project

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the scope of the project?

- The section of Bicentennial Bikeway between QUT and Victoria Bridge will undergo some interim improvements to address pathway safety, personal security and reduce conflict on the shared path between pedestrians, cyclists and ferry patrons.
- As part of the project, the Queensland Government will commence installation of lighting, CCTV security cameras, duress buttons and warning signage to improve the safety and security of the path and its users.
- The long-term vision is to upgrade the path to be equivalent to the standard of the rest of Bicentennial Bikeway. This project does not deliver that upgrade (see Question 6 below).
- The finger jetties will also be upgraded during this project to allow larger boats to be moored at these jetties when they are not in operation.

2. What will be the outcomes of the interim project?

- Lighting upgrade
- Installing CCTV security cameras
- Patching potholes
- Installing duress buttons every 100-150 metres on path and near ferry waiting areas
- Improving QUT ferry terminal waiting area - more space to access pathway through car park
- Improving signage and warning signs
- New pavement markings at conflict points to identify shared and slower zones
- Path widening where possible
- Clearing of overgrown bushes and trees

3. What are the suggested alternative routes to avoid this works area?

- Whilst the bikeway will not be fully closed during the construction period, cyclists are advised to find an alternative route to avoid delays and minimise conflicts with other users.
- On the north side of the river, cyclists are advised to travel along Gardens Point Road adjacent to QUT and William Street.

- On the south side, cyclists are advised to travel through Southbank along Clem Jones Promenade, crossing the river on the west side of the Victoria Bridge using the shared path. Alternatively the cycle lanes on Grey Street provide a good alternative route to connect to the on road cycle lanes over the Victoria Bridge.
- Walkers and joggers are advised to avoid the affected area and use alternative routes.
- These alternative routes are indicated on the map below.



4. Will I be able to catch the ferry from North Quay or QUT ferry terminals?

- The ferry terminals will remain open throughout construction and every effort will be made to minimise disruption to users.
- Any diversions will not require users to walk long distances out of their way.

5. What are the dates for the interim works?

- Scheduled works will occur between December 2010 and June 2011.

- During this time every effort will be made to minimise disruptions to users but delays and diversions may occur.
- The shared path will not be closed for the entire period, however users can expect partial and temporary closures, short-term delays and temporary detours.
- Cyclists and pedestrians are advised to use alternative routes where possible during the construction period to avoid delays and minimise conflicts with other users.
- A map on the website shows alternative routes (see Question 3).

6. What will be the outcomes of the long-term vision project in 2014?

- A vision for the bikeway addressing the long-term needs of cyclists, pedestrians, public and private ferry passengers is being developed by the Queensland Government for design and construction following Riverside Expressway works in 2014.
- The plan will develop staging and an implementation plan to deliver the vision after the completion of the Riverside Expressway upgrade (see Question 10).
- The long-term vision will ensure the standard of the bikeway is consistent along the whole length – nominally a 5.5m width with the cyclists and pedestrians using separated paths.
- Safe and attractive space applying Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles.
- Minimise conflict between users.
- Provide consistent signage and markings along the whole bikeway to ensure legibility in high conflict zones.
- Activation of open space through appropriate uses.

7. Who owns the project?

- The interim project is a Queensland Government owned project involving multiple departments including the Department of Public Works and Transport and Main Roads.
- Planning for the long-term vision will be managed by Transport and Main Roads in consultation with Brisbane City Council.

8. When will the works for the long-term project occur?

- Construction can not commence until the completion of Riverside Expressway upgrade which is expected in 2014.
- A master plan/feasibility and design study for the long-term project will commence in 2011.

9. Why not do the long-term project now?

- The Riverside Expressway rehabilitation project may damage any improvements to the bikeway and is not expected to be complete until 2014.
- It would be best to upgrade once Riverside Expressway works have been completed.

10. What are the Riverside Expressway rehabilitation works?

- Rehabilitate and/or replace the bridge bearings and rehabilitate drainage and support structures for the concrete louvers underneath the Expressway.

11. How can I find out more information?

- Go to www.publicworks.qld.gov.au and search 'Northbank'
- Call 1800 396 046 (Higher rates apply from mobile phones and payphones. If calling outside of Queensland, STD rates will apply.)