

# Northbank Safety and Security Project

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## Project scope

The Bicentennial Bikeway is one of the busiest pedestrian and cyclist routes in Queensland.

The state government has supported Brisbane City Council with the progressive widening of the Bicentennial Bikeway from Toowong to the city. So far the state government has contributed \$4,488,636 (excluding GST) in Capital Grants towards this upgrade.

The section between the Goodwill Bridge at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and Victoria Bridge needs work to address deficiencies in the bikeway width and improve amenity, safety and security.

Ongoing routine rehabilitation works to the Riverside Expressway limits the upgrades that can be done before rehabilitation is completed in 2014.

However, the safety and security of cyclists is a priority and cannot be delayed until then. Prior to 2014, the Queensland Government will put in place some interim measures to address the safety and security issues, until the long-term vision can be implemented.

At the same time the Queensland Government is working with the Brisbane City Council to develop a long-term vision for the bikeway that will be implemented subsequent to the completion of works on the Riverside Expressway in 2014.



## Location of interim works

The Bicentennial Bikeway between the Victoria Bridge and QUT (indicated in red below)



## Interim works schedule

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.

## What this means for cyclists and pedestrians

Whilst the scheduled works will occur throughout December to June 2011, not all activities will cause full closure. However, users can expect:

- some partial and full closures
- temporary detours
- short-term delays.

It is recommended that cyclists and pedestrians keep track of the works construction schedule by checking the web for updates and regular project newsletters.

Cyclists and pedestrians may wish to take an alternative route throughout the entire construction period to avoid delays and minimise conflicts with other users.

## Alternative routes

On the north side of the river, cyclists are advised to travel along Gardens Point Road in QUT and William Street.

Pedestrians are advised to travel through QUT and meet with the QUT Ferry

On the south side, both pedestrians and cyclists are advised to travel through Southbank along Clem Jones Promenade, crossing the river on the left hand side of Victoria Bridge shared path or on-road over the bridge.

Alternatively the on-road cycle lanes on Grey Street provide a good route for cyclists.

The map below shows suggested alternative routes one could take to avoid the works.



**Interim safety and security project outcomes**

- Improved surface and repairs to patch potholes



- Lighting



- Improved signage and warning signs



- New marking treatments to the junction points to identify shared zones



- Install CCTV security cameras
- Duress buttons to be installed every 100 – 150 metres along the pathway
- UQ Ferry terminal improved and more space given to pathway
- Clearing overgrown bushes and trees

### Riverside Expressway works

- Current work on the Riverside Expressway will rehabilitate or replace bridge bearings and rehabilitate drainage and support structures for concrete louvers.
- Works will be undertaken on the right hand side of Victoria Bridge travelling into the city.
- The Riverside Expressway Rehabilitation Project may damage any improvements to the bikeway. This project is not expected to be complete until 2014.
- It would be best to upgrade the bikeway once these works are completed.

### Long-term vision 2014

A vision for the bikeway addressing the long-term needs of cyclists, pedestrians, and 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 aligned to the Riverside Expressway upgrade.

The ultimate vision will:

- ensure standards of the bikeway is consistent along the whole length – normally a 5.5 metre width

- apply safe and attractive space, applying Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles
- minimise conflicts between pedestrian and cyclists
- provide consistent signage and markings along the whole bikeway to ensure legibility in high conflict zones
- activate open space through appropriate uses.

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