

MUSWELLBROOK BRIDGES REPLACEMENT

OUTSIDE OF NORMAL HOURS CONSTRUCTION WORK

COMMUNITY NOTICE

August 2021

6:30am Tuesday 10 August to 8:30pm Thursday 12 August

Please note: construction will continue during standard construction hours outside of this period

The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) is replacing three rail bridges, being the Hunter River Bridge, Muscle Creek Bridge and Bridge Street Bridge over the New England Highway, with new bridges within and next to the rail corridor, in Muswellbrook, NSW. Work commenced onsite in June 2020 and we expect the project to be completed in 2022.

What are we doing in August?

We will work both **day and night** during the planned works period to reduce the length of disruption to the community and the rail network.

We will continue works on the bridge over Bridge Street in preparation for installing the new bridge structure in November according to the current timeline.

Works will also continue near Muscle Creek and Hunter River, pouring and launching concrete bridge segments and finalising the support piers.

What you can expect

The work will involve different types of equipment which will generate noise. At times, the work may be loud and possibly disruptive, particularly during the night. We will be implementing measures to minimise noise across the site during the work.

Lighting towers will be used to continue the works safely at night and will be faced away from residences and Bridge St.

Road and pedestrian traffic changes will include:

full closure of Bridge Street **between 8pm Tuesday and 6am Wednesday**

single lane road closure on Bridge Street underneath the rail bridges outside of peak traffic periods.

The full closure will be implemented for the installation of the new bridge abutment beams. During the full closure both northbound and southbound traffic will be diverted via Bell St and Market Street. Pedestrians will still be able to walk under the bridges, however there will be periods where we will need to stop pedestrians for up to 15mins while we are lifting and positioning the new beams.

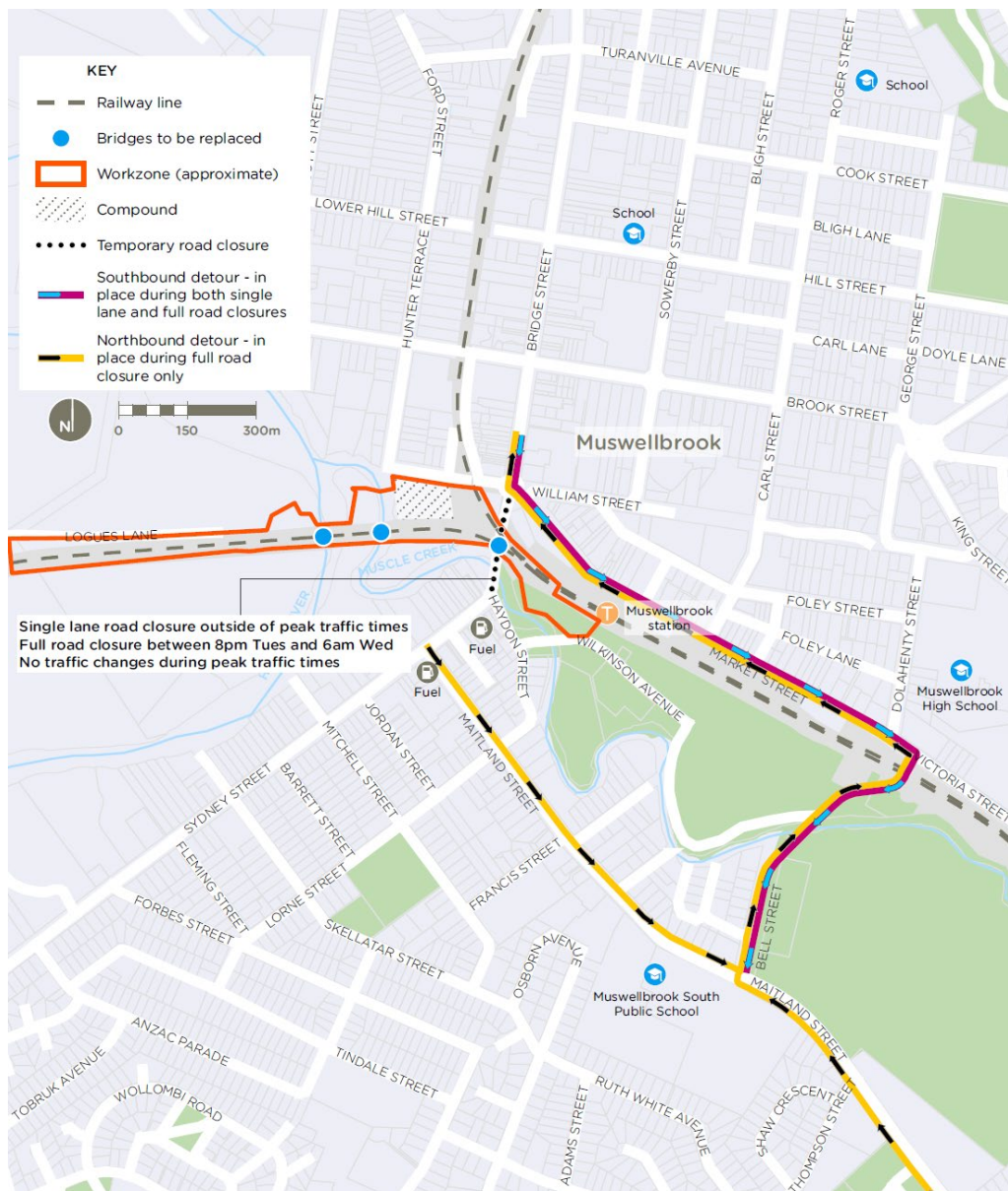
Under the single lane closure all southbound traffic will be detoured via Bell St and Market St. Northbound traffic will continue to use Bridge St.

Traffic controls will be in place to manage traffic for both closures. Minor delays maybe experience under both closures.

What's new?

The team have now commenced construction of the new bridge deck for the Muscle Creek and Hunter River bridge. The deck is being constructed in 8 segments, with the segments cast and joined in a purpose-built casting yard before being launched across Muscle Ck and Hunter River. Currently the team are working on segment 2 with all segments to be built by November 2021.

Photo: Steel fixing bridge segments



Normal construction hours and upcoming work

Our normal construction hours will continue from Friday 13 August.

7.00AM TO 6.00PM - MONDAY TO FRIDAY

8.00AM TO 1.00PM - SATURDAY

What else are we doing?

In addition to this project work, ARTC will also be undertaking other maintenance works across the Hunter Valley network during the August planned works period. The maintenance work we do helps to minimise disruptions to passenger services and maintain a safe and reliable rail network.

If you would like more detailed information about our maintenance and improvement work please contact our Enviroline or visit www.artc.com.au/community/track-work

The information provided is correct at the time of publishing but is subject to change due to unplanned or unexpected events such as operational changes or heavy rain.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

ARTC is committed to working with landowners, communities, state and local governments as a vital part of our planning and consultation work, and we value your input. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

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Further project updates can also be found on the ARTC Website via

<https://www.artc.com.au/community/environment/muswellbrook-bridge-replacement-project/>

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