PROJECT MANAGERS UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2011

Evaluation workshop

Thank you to the community members and stakeholders who nominated to be involved in the community and stakeholder evaluation workshop and attended the briefing session on Tuesday 15 November 2011.

Following a presentation about the workshop, participants from Grafton, Junction Hill, South Grafton and bridge and river users were selected through a self selection or random selection process.

8 community participants and 10 representatives from stakeholder groups were put forward to attend the community and stakeholder evaluation workshop on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 November. Unfortunately, no participant from the Clarenza area nominated to attend the workshop.

The purpose of the evaluation workshop is to discuss each of the options within the five corridors to gain a shared understanding of which options provide the best balance across social, environmental, economic, engineering and cost issues.

The evaluation workshop will build on the information provided in *the Preliminary Route Options Report - Parts 1 and 2*.

The outcomes of the workshop will be one of the inputs into the selection of the short list of options to go forward for further consideration for the identification of the recommended preferred route for the additional crossing of the Clarence River.

To view the presentation slides from the briefing session, please see the <u>project</u> <u>documents</u> page of this website.

Preliminary route options

The *Preliminary Route Options Report - Parts 1 and 2* (October 2011) is available for community comment. The report assesses the 25 preliminary route options within five strategic corridors against issues and constraints identified in Grafton and surrounds.

Comments are welcome on the report by **Tuesday 22 November 2011.** Please provide these by emailing graftonbridge@rta.nsw.gov.au, or writing to PO Box 546, Grafton NSW 2460.

Comments will be considered as an input to the short-listing process. A copy of the report is available on the project documents page of this website.

Information and feedback sessions

Community information and feedback sessions were held on Monday 14 November from 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm and Tuesday 15 November from 10am to 12pm at the Grafton Community Centre.

The drop-in sessions were informal to give community members the opportunity to talk one on one with project team members about questions or issues raised in relation to the project and the report.

Interactive maps on website

The interactive maps are available on the project website. The maps have been updated to include the 25 preliminary route options within five strategic corridors. The maps also show the potential issues and constraints relevant to planning an additional

crossing of the Clarence River. The information is from the *Preliminary Route Options Report – Parts 1 and 2.* Please click on this <u>web link</u> to view the maps.

If you require any further information or have any questions or comments on the additional crossing of the Clarence River, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone, email or letter.

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