PROJECT MANAGERS UPDATE - OCTOBER 2011

Preliminary route options

The *Preliminary Route Options Report - Parts 1 and 2* (October 2011) is now available. 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.

A copy of the report is available on the <u>project documents</u> page of this website.

Information and feedback sessions

Come along to the information and feedback sessions. There will be three sessions held over two days: **Monday 14 November** from 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm at the Grafton Community Centre and **Tuesday 15 November** from 10am to 12pm at the Grafton Community Centre.

These are informal sessions. You are invited to drop-in anytime during the two hours to speak with members of the project team.

Evaluation workshops

You are also invited to nominate for participation in a two day evaluation workshop. The workshop will be held on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 November 2011 from 9am to 4pm. The workshop will 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.

Nominations are requested by Monday 14 November. Community members wishing to participate are required to also attend a pre workshop briefing on Tuesday 15 November from 6pm to 8pm at the Grafton Community Centre.

For details on the workshop and how to nominate, please see the <u>October 2011</u> <u>community update</u> or download this <u>form</u> and return to the RTA office at 21 Prince Street Grafton.

Interactive maps on website

The interactive maps have also been updated on the project website to include the 25 preliminary route options within five strategic corridors. The maps clearly 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 web link to view the maps.

Traffic surveys

On Tuesday 8 November 2011 further traffic surveys will be undertaken in Grafton and South Grafton. This will involve project field staff undertaking travel time and queue length surveys, and traffic counts set up at the following four key intersections during am and pm peak periods:

Prince Street / Dobie Street Dobie Street / Queen Street Dobie Street / Turf Street Bent Street / Through Street The surveys are required to collect more data to further develop a detailed traffic model for the next stage of investigations.

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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