

**Bonville Upgrade Project
Community Interest Group**

NOTES

**Meeting #13
Wednesday 13th February 2008
Project Site Office
Bonville Station Road, Bonville
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

CIG members in attendance

Tony Brindley	Peter Haskins	Damon Leach
Gary Carr	Trish Herraman	
Ron Duncan	Mike Newcombe	
Mike Edsall	Ron Sprudd	

Project representatives in attendance

Colin Solomon, RTA	Jason Moran, Abigroup
Lance Vickery, RTA	Neil Pittaway, Abigroup
	Rebecca Walker-Edwards, Abigroup
	Matt Frodsham, Abigroup
	Cindy Douglas, Abigroup

Apologies

Chris Bryce, Abigroup	Ann Coyle
Gordon Boer, Abigroup	Evan Clark
Chris Clark, RTA	Martin Hicks, EMR(Environmental Management Representative)

Tabled/Handouts

Abigroup presentation – Earthworks
Abigroup presentation - Structures
Abigroup presentation – Community Update
Abigroup presentation – Signage

		<p>Overhead Bridge Road to Pine Creek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excavation of the cut at the fauna overpass is substantially complete with excavation of additional footings. Verge placement has commenced and is ongoing in areas where pavement is complete. Bulk earthworks are in progress on the northbound carriageway between Mailmans Track and the Service Road Bridge. Bulk earthworks are expected to be complete by the end of February. <p>Pine Creek to Bonville Creek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The area between Pine Creek & Reedys Creek is being prepared for SMZ final trim and seal in preparation for sub base pavement. Backfilling to the Reedys Creek abutments are substantially complete. Completion of mainline earthworks and access ramps to the Archville Station Road Bridge between Reedys Creek & Archville Station Road have commenced. Drainage and select placement is expected to be complete in February. The East Bonville Road temporary deviation has been relocated so that the plug can be removed in February. Bonville Station Road earthworks are being brought up to final level for SMZ and pavement completion works in February. Tree planting has commenced in this area. <p>Bonville Creek to Lyons Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The tie-ins at each end of Strouds Road are being advanced to allow for completion in February. Drainage works and construction of Williams Road is progressing. Drainage installation is substantially complete. SMZ placement is continuing in this area. Tree planting has commenced in this area. <p>Traffic Switch</p> <p>From Wednesday 19.12.07 all Pacific Highway traffic was temporary diverted onto a new section of service road from Overhead Bridge Road to the Sid Bourke Rest area. This allows for works to commence on the new northbound carriageway and fauna overpass.</p> <p>On Wednesday 19.12.07 local traffic using Archville Station Road was diverted over the newly completed Archville Station Road Bridge. This will be permanent arrangement for Archville Station Road traffic, although access ramps to the new highway from Archville Station Road will not be completed and available to traffic until the second half of 2008.</p> <p>Successful completion of both traffic switches were an important milestone of the Project.</p>	
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3.1.1	Questions		
		<p>Abigroup advised the CIG that upon the opening of Bonville Station Road Bridge access to the site compound for motor vehicles will be on the eastern side of Bonville Station Road Bridge with heavy vehicle access on the western side of Bonville Station Road Bridge.</p>	
		<p>A CIG member reported a significant amount of water running down the batters across the new service road in the vicinity of Sid Burke Rest area over the Christmas period. The water was running from the western side on the northbound carriageway.</p> <p>Abigroup advised they were not aware of any concerns however would investigate further.</p>	Abigroup
		<p>A CIG member inquired if the speed variable message sign (VMS) was effective and was data collected and recorded from the VMS.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the VMS provided instant feedback only and no data is recorded.</p>	
		<p>The CIG inquired if the works are behind schedule.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the weather had impacted on works however, the schedule was currently being reviewed and the program would be adjusted accordingly.</p>	
3.2	Structures update	<p>Neil Pittaway – Project Manager, Structures Abigroup presentation</p> <p>Mailmans Track - items to be completed are the drainage pipes installation and the bridge throw screen erection. During January, the batter paving under the bridge was completed.</p> <p>The girder erection for the twin bridges of the Fauna Underpass (North of Mailmans Track) is complete. Works completing the deck are underway.</p> <p>Northbound Bridge (behind the RTA inspection bay opposite the Sid Burke Rest Area) - the deck has been poured and all false work and formwork underneath the bridge has been stripped. Works are underway to complete the back walls of the abutments and the remaining parapets and railing.</p> <p>Southbound Bridge (behind the RTA inspection bay opposite the Sid Bourke Rest Area) - the deck is complete and batter paving has also been completed at both abutments. The southbound bridge is now being used for construction access.</p> <p>Pine Creek - the deck of the northbound bridge has been completed together with the approach slab at the southern abutment. During January, the southbound bridge deck and approach slab was poured. It is expected that parapets and bridge rails will be erected in February.</p>	

3.2	Structures update continued	<p>Neil Pittaway – Project Manager, Structures Abigroup presentation</p> <p>Reedys Creek - both the northern and southern abutments are complete and backfilled. The centre pier columns on the southbound bridge are completed and work will continue on the headstock which is expected to be completed by mid February. Work will continue on completing the northbound pier which is expected to be completed by end of February 2008.</p> <p>Archville Station Road - is nearly complete and has been opened to traffic. Outstanding works associated with this bridge are installation of the throw screens on the bridge and the batter paving.</p> <p>Fauna Underpass Bridge (north of Archville Station Road) - beams have been erected and work is progressing on completing the decks in February.</p> <p>East Bonville Road – abutment footing and columns are complete. Works are well underway with the false work erection for the insitu deck. The pouring of the deck is anticipated for the end of March early April.</p> <p>Bonville Station Road Bridge - the deck has been completed and is available for a traffic switch as soon as the approach earthworks are completed. Outstanding works include the pedestrian rail, throw screens and batter.</p> <p>Bonville Creek – during January concreting of the deck on the southbound girders was completed. Parapet and rail erection will continue on the southbound deck in February prior to it being opened to construction traffic late February. The girder erection truss has been relocated to the northbound carriageway and placement of the first northbound bridge girders has commenced. It is anticipated that the outstanding northbound substructure will be completed mid February.</p> <p>Williams Road Bridge – works are continuing in February with parapet and barrier railings installation in preparation for a traffic switch over the bridge which is expected late February.</p> <p>The abutments at the Fauna Underpass Bridge (South of Lyons Road) have been completed and backfilled and the scour protection installed. Girders for this bridge were placed in early February.</p> <p>Strouds Road – the completion of earthworks, commencement of drainage works and works tying in the new Strouds Road are continuing.</p>	
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3.2.1	Questions	No questions were raised.	
3.3	Community and Communications update	<p>Cindy Douglas – Community Relations Officer Abigroup presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 visitors for the month of December 2007 • 2 visitors for the month of January 2008 • Total to date 1232 visitors <p>Complaints – December 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 – Working • 1 – Traffic • 1 – Damage (Third Party) • 1 – Dust/Air Quality • 1 - Other <p>Complaints – January 2008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 – Traffic <p>Media coverage</p> <p>02.01.08 The Bellingen Shire Courier Sun Changed traffic conditions at Bonville</p> <p>Traffic Switch From Wednesday 19.12.07 all Pacific Highway traffic was temporary diverted onto a new section of service road from Overhead Bridge Road to the Sid Bourke Rest area. This allows for works to commence on the new northbound carriageway and fauna overpass.</p> <p>Traffic Switch On Wednesday 19.12.07 local road traffic using Archville Station Road was diverted over the newly completed Archville Station Road Bridge. This will be permanent arrangement for Archville Station Road traffic, although access ramps to the new highway from Archville Station Road will not be completed and available to traffic until the second half of 2008.</p>	
3.3.1	Questions		
3.3.2		<p>The CIG inquired if traffic is expected to be on the main alignment in June 2008.</p> <p>Abigroup advised the program was currently revised however Abigroup is still anticipating the traffic switch to occur late July 2008.</p> <p>The RTA advised the target for completion and traffic on the alignment was September 2008.</p>	
4	Proposed Meeting Dates	<p>Abigroup advised the CIG of the proposed 2008 CIG meeting dates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 March 2008 – Site Tour (instead of the April Meeting – CIG members only) • 11 June 2008 • 13 August 2008 <p>The CIG agreed to these dates.</p>	

4.1.1	Questions	No questions were raised.	
5	Signage Presentation	<p>Abigroup's Contractual Obligations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The manufacture, supply and erection of regulatory, warning, guide, information and direction signs. • The manufacture, supply and erection of sign support structures. <p>RTA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RTA is responsible for the authorisation and erection of signs on state roads. These generally correspond to the primary network and include all "highways" and many other major classified roads. • Local governments have delegated responsibility for the installation of signs on regional roads (the rest of the classified road network) and are wholly responsible for local roads. • The RTA and Tourism New South Wales cater for the needs of road travelers by planning and implementing tourist signposting systems which: • Safely and efficiently guide motorists to their destination, and inform visitors of the range of attractions and services available within a destination <p>The Tourist Attraction Signposting Assessment Committee (TASAC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TASAC is the body responsible for assessing eligibility for tourist signposting and determining applications made for tourist signs. • TASAC is made up of representatives of Tourism New South Wales, the RTA and the regional tourism organisations. <p>Tourist signs are usually presented in the following forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • guide sign positioned within the road reserve (responsibility of RTA or local government). • An advertising sign on private property (generally the responsibility of local government). • A notice in an information bay (responsibility of the RTA or local government), or an identification within the property at the attraction (responsibility of the local government/proprietor). <p>The Tourist Signposting Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tourist Signposting Guidelines outline the policy in New South Wales for all tourist signposting. • The guidelines provide the categories of signposting and the criteria and technical specifications for sign design and installation. 	

		<p>Tourist signs in New South Wales have a white legend on a brown background and serve to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicate to motorist's establishments, features or places that are major tourist attractions. • Detail the routes of regional tourist drives or themed tourist routes, or welcome visitors to the state and its tourism regions. <p>How can I get tourist signs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You need to submit an application to TASAC that demonstrates how you meet the criteria for tourist signage. <p>Why do I have to meet criteria to get a tourist sign?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The criteria ensure that the major attractions signposted offer visitors a quality tourism experience. • To maintain visitor confidence in the tourist signage TASAC must ensure that any product signposted is at least of a minimum standard and offers a minimum range of tourist needs. <p>Where can I get more information?</p> <p>TASAC Secretariat Angeline Planning Services Shop 7/108 Penshurst Street WILLOUGHBY NSW 2068 Phone: 02 99670688 Email: maria@apsplan.com.au Website: TASAC@tourism.nsw.gov.au</p>	
5.1.	Questions	<p>The CIG inquired if directional signage will indicate distances.</p> <p>The RTA advised signage will be erected at each interchange indicating the distance to major town(s) and nearest capital city.</p>	
5.1.1		<p>The CIG inquired if signage indicating service facilities, i.e the petrol station or the post office will be erected.</p> <p>The RTA advised certain criteria need to be met for service signs, i.e. petrol stations need to be open for a minimum of sixteen hours and there were no plans for the signs to be installed.</p>	

5.1.2		<p>The CIG were concerned businesses would suffer economic loss due to the lack of signage being erected.</p> <p>The RTA advised consideration needed to be given to motorists being directed from the highway and the type of services available when Coffs Harbour is just up the road providing all services.</p> <p>Abigroup advised should any businesses have concerns regarding service signs to contact the Project Information Centre and the information would be passed onto the RTA.</p>	
5.1.3		<p>The RTA advised a possible extension of Tourist Route 18 at Raleigh was being considered.</p> <p>The CIG inquired as to the response from the Coffs Harbour City Council in relation to the possible extension of Tourist Route 18.</p> <p>The RTA advised they were waiting on a response.</p>	
5.1.4		<p>A CIG member inquired as to the serviceability of the interchanges at Strouds Road and Lyons Road if traffic increases in the next ten years.</p> <p>The RTA advised design was based on traffic flow for the next twenty years and the interchanges are more than adequate to accommodate increase traffic flow.</p>	
6	General Discussion		
6.1.1		<p>The CIG inquired as to whether the six month compliance reports to the Department of Planning (DoP) had been completed and whether they were on the website.</p> <p>The RTA advised the first two six monthly reports had been prepared by Abigroup and submitted through the RTA to DoP. Abigroup will investigate and ensure the documents are on the website for viewing.</p>	Abigroup
7	Next Meeting	<p>Meeting #14</p> <p>Site Tour - 26 March 2008 Project Site Office, Bonville Station Road, Bonville 6.00pm – 8.00pm</p>	