
ANNEXURE 3

SYDNEY REGION

SPLIT BRIDGE OVER MIDDLE HARBOUR BETWEEN MOSMAN AND SEAFORTH - SYSTEM UPGRADE



Lift System Upgrade

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) will soon commence upgrading the Spit Bridge drive system. This will improve the longevity and reliability of the operating system that opens and closes the bridge. The bridge currently opens for marine traffic to a schedule. For scheduled opening times, [click here](#).

This \$10.6 million project is fully funded by the NSW Government and is scheduled to commence by late November 2011. Work is expected to be completed by mid 2012, weather permitting.

This work is important to improve the longevity and reliability of the bridge drive system and to minimise the potential for traffic delays caused by a breakdown of the lift equipment. Work involves installing new electrical cables and a new drive system - motor, brake and gearbox. The drive system is housed under the bridge platform so the majority of this work will not be visible to road users or residents – or impact on drivers using the bridge.

Bridge closures to marine traffic

To enable this work to occur, the bridge will need to be fully closed to marine traffic for approximately twelve consecutive days. To minimise disruptions to marine traffic, we plan to consult with boat owners and operators to help us program this work. The RTA understands that December and January are the busiest times for boat traffic. A survey of boat owners will be distributed shortly to seek your information on upcoming plans and events for boats, especially during this period.

Bridge closures to vehicle traffic

To deliver new materials and to remove old bridge drive equipment, intermittent full road closures are unavoidable. To minimise traffic disruptions, these road closures will be at night. It is expected that each full road closure would be for approximately three hours and that five or six of these closures would be required over a four week period. Some additional partial road closures may also be required.

Notices of upcoming work

The RTA will let drivers and boaters know in advance of road and bridge closures as soon as this work is scheduled and the dates are known. Up to date information regarding this work, including any date changes, will be displayed on electronic message signs along the roadway. We will also alert people by sms or email - see the details to the right to register for this information.

Please note that access to local streets will be maintained for residents and local businesses. Materials and equipment will be delivered to the bridge site by barge. A site office is being established within an existing nearby business premise. There will be noise associated with this work, however every effort will be made to minimise the impact of noise on local residents.

INFORMATION FOR BOAT USERS

The RTA is currently working with boat owners and operators to develop a program for these works to minimise disruptions to marine traffic.

INFORMATION FOR ROAD USERS

To deliver new materials and to remove old bridge drive equipment, intermittent full road closures are also unavoidable. To minimise traffic disruptions, these road closures will be at night. Drivers will be advised of dates and times as soon as this work is scheduled.

PHOTO GALLERY



PROJECT CONTACT

For information about the project, please contact RTA project manager, Sri Srikanth on (02) 8849 2526 or by email to Sri_Srikanth@rta.nsw.gov.au

MORE INFORMATION

Register your details on the contact database to be alerted when an update occurs by contacting the the contractor, Conneq on (02) 8667 6203 during business hours or by email to spit.bridge@conneq.com.au.