

The new Houghton Highway bridge

The new Houghton Highway bridge will be built about 30-40 metres to the east of the existing Houghton Highway bridge. It will include:

- » provision for three lanes (including a transit lane)
- » a 4.5 metre pedestrian and cycle pathway
- » a fishing platform.

The new bridge will be designed to withstand a 1-in-2000 year storm event and will be approximately 3.6 metres higher than the existing bridge. It will be the first of its kind in the world to take into account the lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina which devastated the Gulf of Mexico in August 2005.

Key features and benefits

Transport, safety and access

- » Reduced traffic congestion
- » Reduced travel times on the bridges and at the approach intersections
- » Improved road safety through one-way traffic flow on each bridge
- » Transit lanes to reduce public transport travel times
- » Upgraded underpasses for pedestrian and cycle access
- » Priority for buses entering and exiting the bridges
- » New pedestrian and cycle access

Recreation, community and tourism

- » Tourist attraction for visitors to the Redcliffe peninsula and Brisbane bayside suburbs
- » An improved connection of the existing cycle paths along the foreshore of Clontarf and Brighton
- » Fishing opportunities from the purpose built fishing platform
- » A vital link in the Moreton Bay Cycleway by connecting the Deagon Deviation Bikeway to the Clontarf and Brighton foreshore paths

Cultural heritage and environment

- » New landscaped entrance to Redcliffe and Brisbane
- » Preservation of the iconic Hornibrook Highway bridge entry portals
- » Environmentally sensitive design
- » Improved stormwater management at the approach intersections and at both ends of the bridge
- » Pelican perching opportunities

Timing

Finalise project plans	Mid 2007
Start construction	Late 2007
Open the bridge to traffic	Late 2009
Complete the project	Late 2010

Feedback and enquiries

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