



Miscellaneous

Question

- Are Council rates going to be affected?

Answer

- As Council does not fund the Ring Road, there will be no direct effect on rates.

Question

- How will the police operate on the Ring Road?

Answer

- There will be pull-off enforcement areas on the Ring Road to enable police to monitor speeds and driver behaviour.

Question

- Will there be an emergency lane and emergency phone?

Answers

- Appropriate land and shoulder widths will allow emergency vehicles to travel the road in various situations.
- Emergency phones will not be provided as mobile phones will have a good coverage and are considered a more reliable and safer technology in this urban environment.

Question

- Has there been consultation with property owners?

Answers

- Yes, since the concept planning phase began in late 2004, and during the current design phase, Main Roads has made every effort to discuss the Ring Road project and its likely impacts with landowners and residents in the area.
- Before then, consultation was carried out in the 1990s to decide the Ring Road's broad alignment. Main Roads looked at a number of different options before settling on the current final route, which at the time was also the least developed area.
- The survey of residents shows that the majority of residents in this area have only lived here for three years or less, so many residents would not be aware of the 1990s consultation.
- Consultation to date has included individual meetings, independent research through a resident survey and the distribution of information sheets to 1,100 residents plus property owners and other interested stakeholders. The information sheet gives contact details for people wanting to ask questions by telephone, email or mail.
- A website specific to the project has been established within the Main Roads website (www.mainroads.qld.gov.au), and there is also a hyperlink from the City of Thuringowa's website to the Ring Roads website.
- Community consultation will continue throughout the project.

Question

- What is going on with the Riverway project?

Answer

- Any questions about the Riverway project should be directed to the Thuringowa City Council.

Questions

- The ramp design is dangerous.
- Why is there no safety rail at the Douglas Section exit?

Answers

- The exit ramp is designed in accordance with current road design standards and required design speeds.
- Barriers can themselves be a hazard, and flat slopes are safer than guard rails and other forms of roadside barriers.
- The slope coming from the exit ramp at Upper Ross River Road is flat enough to allow a driver to regain control of an errant vehicle, and it is deemed the safer option in this situation.

Questions

- What is the situation regarding the bitumen used on the Douglas?

Answers

- Following a fatal accident on the Bruce Highway near Federal, near Gympie in south east Queensland, there was widespread media coverage claiming that Stone Mastic Asphalt (SMA) was not a safe surface. Independent experts were commissioned to carry out an audit of sites where SMA has been used on statecontrolled roads, which included the Douglas Arterial.
- The investigation found that the accident at Federal was caused by a range of factors. It also found that SMA was a safe surface and that concerns about SMA across the network were unfounded. The review found that there has been a 33% reduction in fatalities on roads resurfaced with SMA, when comparing crash rates before and after use of SMA.