



# TIGER BRENNAN DRIVE DUPLICATION

## Questions and Answers

**Q: Are there likely to be significant traffic impacts during construction?**

**A:** The Project aim is to minimise traffic disruption. The upgrade will have an impact on traffic but delays will be minimised as most of the construction is taking place beside the existing carriageway. Where work is taking place on the existing road, it will be timed to avoid disrupting peak traffic times and advance notice will be given to motorists via advertising, Variable Message Boards, RoadReportNT and Facebook, wherever possible. There are some circumstances where unexpected traffic changes may be made, but this is not likely to be frequent.

The current speed limit will remain in place throughout construction wherever it can be safely permitted.

**Q: Are any intersections being upgraded or changed as part of the project?**

**A:** Yes, there are five intersections being upgraded. These include:

- Woolner Road / Stoddart Drive – upgrade of existing traffic signals
- Stoddart Drive - upgrade
- Benison Road – upgrade including new signals
- Bowen Street / Charles Darwin National Park Access – upgrade including new signals
- Amy Johnson Avenue – upgrade of existing signals

**Q: Will this project mean more traffic lights to slow us down on the road?**

**A:** There will be more signalised intersections as part of this Tiger Brennan Drive (TBD) project. However, the SCATS traffic signal coordination system we use to manage the traffic lights allows us to synchronise the traffic flow and tailor the traffic signals to suit peak times. CCTV cameras allow us to monitor traffic flow and adjust the traffic signals as required.

**Q: How much of a reduction in travel time can commuters expect when the duplication is completed?**

**A:** Travel times really depend on where you are travelling to and from. The duplication will reduce travel times over certain sections and reduce congestion. Travel times also depend on the volume of traffic and other traffic conditions.



**Q: Where can I get information about current traffic conditions?**

**A:** Regular updates on the project will be provided through various means including:

- Facebook - RoadReportNT
- Local media including advertisements in NT News and Darwin/Palmerston Sun
- The Department of Infrastructure's website: [www.nt.gov.au/infrastructure](http://www.nt.gov.au/infrastructure) (click on Projects).

**Q: I've noticed large barriers being moved in around Tiger Brennan Drive. What are these for?**

**A:** To ensure minimal disruption to traffic and safety for road users and workers, special barriers have been brought in to separate the construction areas from the road. These heavy duty barriers allow traffic to travel at the posted limit while work is taking place.

**Q: I live near the road; will I be affected by noise from the construction?**

**A:** To minimise the noise impacts, generally hours of construction will be 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 1pm on Saturday. Environmental monitoring will be in place throughout the construction project to ensure the project meets all standards including those relating to noise pollution.

**Q: Will any construction work be undertaken at night?**

**A:** Some night works will be planned for the project but not in residential areas. Planned works will be communicated in advance.

**Q: Will trees be removed as part of the project?**

**A:** Some vegetation including mangroves and a section of existing trees on Stoddart Drive will be removed as part of the project. This is to allow for essential works on the side of the road to be undertaken.

An extensive landscaping program will take place as the road is completed, with native trees and shrubs planted around the road and at key intersections. This will be in line with the Greater Darwin Arterial Roads Landscape Masterplan which outlines suitable planting species for across the road network.



**Q: Will the species planted along the road as part of this project require high levels of irrigation during the dry season?**

**A:** No, the species selected are native and suitable to the area and require minimal irrigation. The Department of Infrastructure will have ongoing maintenance contracts in place to manage the irrigation requirements following completion of the project.

**Q: On other roadworks, there has been material stockpiled by the road for months at a time. Will that be necessary this time?**

**A:** Previously, material was stockpiled to settle the ground in low lying areas and provide a stable base for construction. In this project a technique called 'mass soil mixing' will be used to stabilise the ground without the need for stockpiling or the risk of acid-sulphate soils contaminating nearby water.

**Q: Will road-train traffic increase as material is carted to the construction site?**

**A:** There will be no bulk fill material brought in from outside the site. This project is taking place on a 'cut and fill' basis, meaning material removed from some areas will be used in other parts of the road.

**Q: Will any local companies benefit from a project this big?**

**A:** The construction is being contracted on a 'Managing Contractor' model, where the principal contractor will break the job down into small lots, allowing small and local firms to participate. It is likely that supplies will be sourced from within the Northern Territory and other companies such as traffic control companies will be involved in the project also. Flow on effects of the project will also see businesses such as printers, advertising companies and local media benefit.

**Q: How can we be sure small and local companies will be treated fairly and get paid on time?**

**A:** Contractors on this job will be paid through a project bank account, where fees are paid into a trust account and then transferred directly to sub-contractors and suppliers. The Northern Territory Government will have an oversight role, ensuring subcontracts are treated fairly and paid on time and have full access to the Trust account for auditing purposes.



**Q: Will construction stop for the wet season?**

**A:** Work is expected to begin in November and will continue right through the wet season, with components of work being staged around the anticipated Wet Season. Severe weather may cause delays but these will be communicated to the public if they are likely to have an impact on motorists.

**Q: Where can I ask questions or make a complaint?**

**A:** A dedicated email address has been established for the project - [Tiger.Brennan@nt.gov.au](mailto:Tiger.Brennan@nt.gov.au) and a toll free number is also going to be established. This will allow you to lodge a question or complaint and receive a response from the project team within two working days. Once available, the phone number will be promoted through our website and advertising.

**Q: If I notice a serious incident on the Tiger Brennan Drive project or wish to raise an issue with something I saw, what should I do?**

**A:** As with all incidents on the road network, if you observe an emergency situation, please contact 000 and the Police or relevant emergency service will respond to the incident. If you have queries around something construction related including safety concerns, please contact us via the email address: [tiger.brennan@nt.gov.au](mailto:tiger.brennan@nt.gov.au) or the dedicated 1800 number.

**Q: I own a business on Tiger Brennan Drive. Will my customers be able to access it throughout the project?**

**A:** Yes - access to businesses will be maintained throughout the construction. There may be detours in place at times but crews will work hard to minimise these and affected stakeholders will be advised in advance of any detours.

**Q: Are events such as the V8s at Hidden Valley likely to be adversely affected during construction? Will it take me longer to get to the V8s?**

**A:** Planning for the project will take into consideration access requirements for events such as the V8s and the department will be working closely with Hidden Valley event organisers to ensure that any impact or changes to access arrangements are communicated well in advance to minimise the impact on attendees.

**Q: When will the construction be complete?**

**A:** It is expected that construction will be completed in June 2016. Severe weather may, however, cause delays.



**Q: Why will the construction take so long?**

**A:** This is a technically complex project which will take time to deliver. The construction team will work hard to complete the job as quickly as possible with minimal disruption to the public.

**Q: Are there any environmental risks?**

**A:** As with all NT Government construction projects, environmental monitoring will be in place for the duration of the project. Some vegetation will be removed and should acid sulphate soils be identified, the construction process allows for safe treatment of these onsite to minimise any impact. Noise pollution will be managed and dust suppression undertaken to minimise the impact. To allow for the Wet Season rains, the project will have sediment control measures in place.

**Q: Is there any plan to install public art on this section of Tiger Brennan Drive, as was the case with earlier stages near Palmerston?**

**A:** A Public Art Strategy has been developed as part of this project. Finalisation of the artwork will be determined by budget availability.