

Traffic Management at Roadworks

Project update – December 2016

Welcome to the December edition of Traffic Management at Roadworks – our last issue for 2016.

This year has been a busy and productive one for the project. Some highlights include the Traffic Management Roadshow, which brought awareness sessions to more than 34 locations around Queensland, and the continuing trials of exciting innovations, such as portable traffic signals and emotive signage. On the training front, we've received great feedback from some regions on the improvement in Traffic Management Plan and Traffic Guidance Scheme documentation – an encouraging dividend for all the hard work in this space. However, there is still more to do.

We are looking forward to hitting the ground running in 2017, with the publication of a key traffic management supplement. The new *Road Condition Signing at Roadworks* document will provide guidance to Traffic Management Design (TMD) practitioners and engineers on the use of advisory signs, which recommend specific actions and speeds to support worker safety at roadwork sites.



Have a great break!

On behalf of Transport and Main Roads, we wish you all a happy and safe festive season, and look forward to working with you again in 2017.

New 'Working in Proximity to Traffic' online training



Transport and Main Roads is proud to announce the release of a new online training package for people working in close proximity to traffic. Designed to replace the former Level 1 Traffic Management Training, 'Working in Proximity to Traffic' is a two-part course that can be completed online.

Part One (Awareness) is designed for those new to the construction and traffic management industry, or anyone who participates in and/or carries out short term, low impact work activities on or near roads, or in proximity to traffic. (Part One is a pre-requisite for Part Two.)

Part Two (Application Works Protection Methods) is for workers who carry out short term, low impact works on or near roads, and who need to select and apply appropriate works protection methods in accordance with MUTCD Part 3.

To find out more, or to register to complete the training, please visit the Technical Training webpage (<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Commercial-services/Technical-training>).

Upcoming Traffic Management Design training sessions

As demand remains high for Traffic Management Design (TMD) training, the department is running a number of courses in addition to those provided by approved Registered Training Organisations, as below. (Find approved training providers at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Business-with-us/Traffic-Management/Training-providers).

Transport and Main Roads TMD courses

Location	Dates	Status
Brisbane*	16-17 January 2017	Spaces available
Toowoomba	30-31 January 2017	Spaces available
Brisbane*	7-8 February 2017	Spaces available
Brisbane	21-22 February 2017	Spaces available

*If a minimum number of attendees is not reached, this course will be cancelled.

The cost of the TMR course is \$1,000.00 per attendee for the two days. Attendees are required to meet any travel costs associated with attending the course. If you are interested in attending one of the above courses, please email Ailsa.G.Rix@tmr.qld.gov.au with your details and the preliminary information listed on the right.

- **For practitioners:** proof of completed Traffic Management Implementation/Level 2 training **AND** a copy of your CV reflecting a minimum of two years' traffic management experience.
- **For engineers:** a copy of your RPEQ, CPEng or Bachelor of Engineering qualification.

If you have any questions about the training please contact Ailsa Rix on (07) 3066 0881 or ailsa.g.rix@tmr.qld.gov.au.

QUICK STATS – Traffic Management Design training (as at 30 November 2016)

1267*

have undertaken the training

418

have obtained a passing grade

441

are currently being assessed

* 273 have chosen not to submit their assessment

New fact sheet – Static work sites

A new fact sheet has recently been made available on the Traffic Management Improvement at Roadworks website.

Static work sites on urban residential streets provides guidance on the appropriate selection of static work sites in urban residential streets which have low speeds and low traffic volumes. The fact sheet explains how to select an appropriate work site arrangement using the optimal treatments provided in MUTCD Part 3 Cl 4.2 – Static work sites.

For more fact sheets and the latest information relating to the project, don't forget to check the Traffic Management Improvement at Roadwork website.



Road Worker Safety Hotline

This year Transport and Main Roads introduced a free phone service to help improve road worker safety on Queensland roads.



The new Road Worker Safety Hotline (1800 501 509) is open 24/7, and enables personnel to report poor driver behaviour and traffic violations at roadwork sites, including:

- Speeding
- Dangerous driving
- Abusive behaviour
- Ignoring of signs/instructions

More than 100 incidents have been reported via the hotline since its introduction in May 2016, with several of these being referred to Queensland Police Service.