

# Traffic Management at Roadworks

## Project update – March 2017

### Welcome

Welcome to the March edition of Traffic Management at Roadworks. With the project drawing nearer its conclusion, this month we take a look at the important progress being made in portable traffic signal devices, the implementation of Traffic Management Design by local governments, as well as the introduction of new fact sheets at next month's Traffic Management Association of Australia (TMAA) Annual Conference on the Gold Coast. Building on these resources, we are also developing a new suite of factsheets to address driver behaviour—to be released in the coming months.

### Traffic Management Design training

#### QUICK STATS

(as at 28 February 2017)

**326** are currently being assessed

**1324\*** have undertaken the training

**489** have obtained a passing grade

\* 323 have chosen not to submit their assessment



### Local government workshops

Project Lead Coryn Hedges has continued criss-crossing the state in February and March, meeting with local governments about the implementation of Traffic Management Design. Since October last year, Coryn and Dan Sullivan have delivered 18 workshops in 18 locations to 293 participants, with more sessions to come in south east Queensland in April and May.

The workshops have addressed some of the challenges local governments encounter using the Traffic Management Design approach for maintenance

activities, working through various examples (such as slashing, mowing and pothole repair), as well as sharing a generic Traffic Guidance Scheme model for maintenance activities, kindly provided by the Mackay Regional Council.

This was a great opportunity for us to hear some of the key challenges facing local governments and their contractors, and to help brain storm solutions that work for everyone—from larger councils in south east Queensland, to smaller ones in the state's west.

## New fact sheets

The project team has been busy recently producing a new suite of fact sheets to provide industry with extra guidance on the design and implementation of Traffic Management Plans and Traffic Guidance Schemes in Queensland. These factsheets will be available on the project webpage and to TMAA Conference delegates at the Transport and Main Roads exhibition booth, and cover topics such as:



- Portable traffic signals
- Works on unsealed roads
- Lane status signs
- Short-term, low-impact works
- Lane closure tapers
- Static work sites on urban residential roads.

### At the TMAA Annual Conference ...

Transport and Main Roads is proud to be part of the 2017 Traffic Management Association of Australia Annual Conference (6-7 April 2017, RACV Royal Pines, Gold Coast). Miles Vass (Deputy Director-General of Infrastructure Management and Delivery) will deliver a plenary keynote address on the opening day of the conference, and the department will also play an active part in the conference exhibition, with technical staff on hand to discuss all the latest developments in traffic management. For more information please visit the [project website](#).

## Portable Traffic Signal devices



Remote-controlled portable traffic signal (PTS) devices will soon see wider use on Queensland roads—an important step forward in our drive to avoid death and injury of traffic controllers.

Four Type-1 devices were approved for use as part of a supplement to the MUTCD in November 2016:

- Portaboom (automated boom barrier)
- Lightweight Portable Traffic Signal system
- Barrow-mounted PTS device
- Trailer-mounted PTS device.

The department will recommend the use of these devices in certain settings from 1 July 2017, before mandating their use in high-risk settings from 1 January 2018. A working party including members from TMAA Queensland, TMR and AAPA has now been formed to discuss issues surrounding the implementation of this change. For more information please visit the [project website](#).



## Event Traffic Marshals initiative

The department's Event Traffic Marshals initiative has been progressing well, with the stakeholder consultation completed late last month.

The team gathered a wide range of perspectives on the proposed changes, inviting stakeholders to complete a survey or submit their opinion via the Queensland Government's Get Involved site. As expected, the opinions offered varied widely, with some very positive and others expressing concern about the proposed changes.

The team is now in the process of evaluating results from the consultation before using these to inform a decision on the approach.

### About Event Traffic Marshals

The Event Traffic Marshal initiative aims to make it easier for communities to hold more small events. By permitting low speed/low risk traffic control activities to be delivered by trained volunteers (Event Traffic Marshals), the proposed risk-based changes represent a potential saving for communities. For more information, please email [Event\\_Traffic\\_Marshals@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:Event_Traffic_Marshals@tmr.qld.gov.au).

### For more information ...

To learn more about the Traffic Management Improvement at Roadworks project, please visit the [project website](#) at [tmr.qld.gov.au](http://tmr.qld.gov.au), or email Coryn Hedges at [coryn.j.hedges@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:coryn.j.hedges@tmr.qld.gov.au).