

15 May 2020

Advice to Residents and Businesses

James Street closures to upgrade East Creek and West Creek culverts

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will start upgrading the culverts at East Creek and West Creek next week, to improve their flood resilience to a one-in-50-year flood event standard.

The major works will improve community and motorist safety as well as accessibility during times of intense rainfall.

In order to complete the major works, **all four lanes of James Street will be closed at two locations** with traffic diverted onto Herries Street.

At East Creek, James Street will be closed between John and Kitchener Streets. The James and Kitchener Street intersection will then operate as a T-intersection during the works.

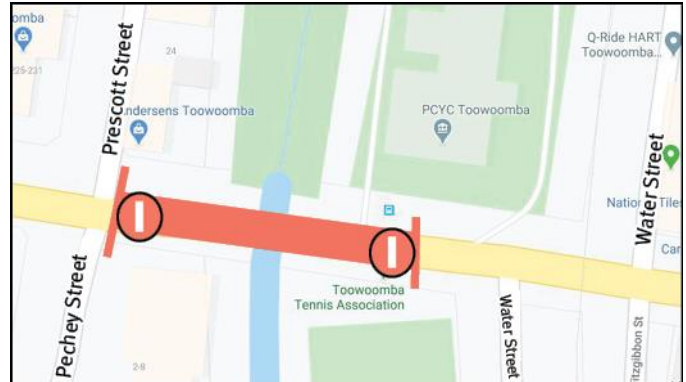
At West Creek, James Street will be closed between Water and Pechey/Prescott Streets.

Please note that the rest of James Street, and all businesses along James Street, will remain open and accessible. The Toowoomba Hospital will remain accessible from Pechey Street and Andersens Toowoomba (corner of James and Prescott Streets) will be accessible from Prescott Street.

East Creek Closure



West Creek Closure



A detour around the construction sites will be signed via Herries Street (see map attached). General road users are encouraged to use the detour or find an alternative route that avoids the James Street closures. Heavy vehicles (over 4.5 tonnes) travelling through Toowoomba are required to follow the detour (with restrictions) or find an alternative heavy vehicle approved route. B-doubles are restricted to only use the detour between 8pm and 5am, daily.

The two closures will be staged, starting **Friday 22 May 2020** with both sites closed by Monday 25 May 2020. Road users are to follow the detour as signposted. James Street is expected to be fully reopened to traffic in **August 2020**, weather, construction and novel coronavirus (COVID-19) conditions permitting.

Nearby residents and businesses can expect to see workers on site this week as they prepare to start construction. Once started, there will be construction noise and dust while works are completed.



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The works will be conducted between **6.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday**. The two work sites will remain closed outside of construction hours, with traffic detoured via Herries Street.

Residents and businesses on Herries Street can expect an increase in traffic and associated traffic noise. To minimise the noise impact, heavy vehicles are restricted to no engine braking along the detour route.

The safety of motorists and road workers is TMR's top priority. Motorists are asked to drive to the traffic conditions and obey all signage and instructions from traffic controllers during construction works.

TMR, with Toowoomba Regional Council's support, will complete a landscaping project post-construction to replace any removed flora.

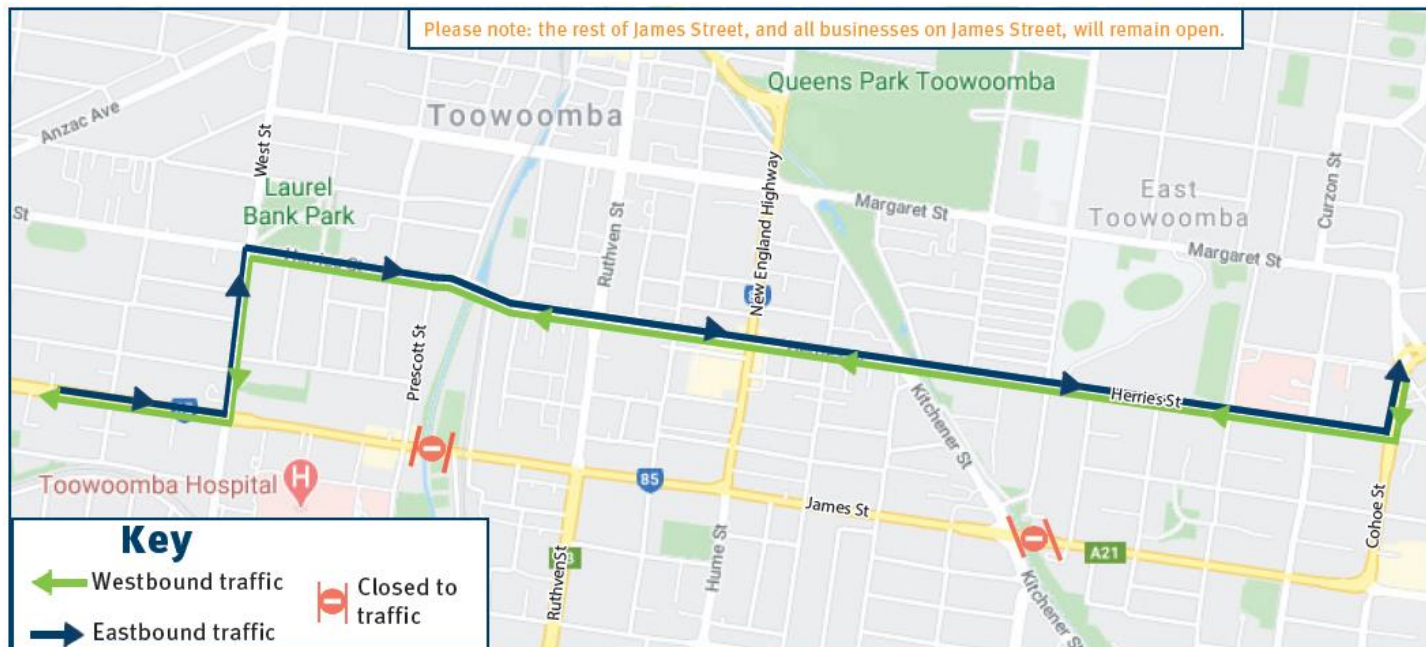
Please note these works may affect waste collection times, therefore residents and businesses are asked to put their bins out the night before collection.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during the delivery of these important works and apologise for any inconvenience they may cause.

For up-to-date information on traffic disruptions, visit the Qld Traffic website at <https://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au/>, call 13 19 40 or download the QLD Traffic app from your app store.

For further information, to join a project update register, or if you have any concerns you wish to discuss, please contact the project team by emailing WHUP@tmr.qld.gov.au or by calling 07 4639 0777 during business hours.

Herries Street Detour



Give way to heavy vehicles during detour

Heavy vehicles using the detour route will be required to use all lanes when turning left or right. Road users are required to give way to heavy vehicles when turning. B-doubles will be restricted to only use the detour route between 8pm and 5am, daily. Road users are asked to drive with caution and patience when sharing the road with heavy vehicles during this time.

Please note there is a separate detour map for heavy vehicles, to obtain a copy please email the project team at WHUP@tmr.qld.gov.au.