



Welcome to the latest e-news update on the Tiger Brennan Drive project. If you have received this e-newsletter, you indicated you are interested in receiving updates on the project. For more information on the Tiger Brennan Drive Extension visit www.nt.gov.au/tigerbrennandrive, telephone **1800 110 243** or email inquiries@tigerbrennandrive.com.au

Construction of new cycle bridge

The first beam in the new cycle bridge for the Tiger Brennan Drive interchange was put in place in December 2009. Since then the bridge has progressed rapidly with all substructures complete and the precast elements in place. The next step is to pour the concrete infill between the precast elements. Eight concrete beams were used in the four-span footbridge. Each beam is between 14 metres and 24.4 metres long and weighs up to 23 tonnes. The deck was also precast and the total tonnage lifted in to place was 40 tonnes.

The interchange bridges have been designed to fit with the theme of "seasons". The theme has been developed with local indigenous artists through the Larrakia Nation and will reflect seasonal elements unique to northern Australia such as the wet and dry seasons and the build up. The cycle bridge will incorporate spear grass handrails.

The cycle bridge is expected to be complete around Easter 2010.



Above: The first beam in the cycle bridge is lowered in to place in December 2009.

Below: The Cycle Bridge with all beams and precast elements in place.



As at the end of January 2010, the project has reached the following milestones:

- The inbound lanes between Berrimah Road and Tivendale Road have been primed ahead of the road surface being sealed. Sixteen kilometres of kerbing has been completed on both carriageways.
- Both the North and Southbound bridge abutments have been poured and the installation of beams and decks will take place in the near future.
- Heavy rains have allowed the first successful migration of fish and ducks through the specially built channel in the 3metre x 3metre two cell culvert constructed near Tivendale Road.



Left: Concrete is poured to create the headstocks of the Southbound bridge.

Left: Formwork around one of the headstocks before the concrete is poured. This structure will support the bridge carrying outbound traffic.



Left: Concrete formwork underway on the Northbound bridge.

Changes to access at Marjorie Street

From 1 March 2010 Marjorie Street in Pinelands will have changed access due to a permanent median closure. Traffic will no longer be able to enter Marjorie Street from the Stuart Highway by turning right across the inbound lanes of the highway. Right turn exiting from Marjorie Street across inbound highway traffic will also be blocked.

The closure of right turn entry and exiting on Marjorie Street is to improve safety in the area close to the Tiger Brennan Drive interchange. Motorists wishing to travel outbound from Pinelands will still be able to do so at the signalised intersection of the Stuart Highway and Deviney Road. Outbound traffic on Tiger Brennan Drive will also be able to access Marjorie Street via a new access road being constructed as a part of the Tiger Brennan Drive Extension project. This will be opened at the end of the project.

Traffic will still be able to access Marjorie Street via a left turn from the Stuart Highway and will also be able to join inbound traffic via left turn on to the Stuart Highway.

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