Traffic Management at Roadworks
Project update – October 2016

Welcome to the October edition of Traffic Management at Roadworks. As you may know, October is *Safe Work Month* — a cause close to the heart of everyone in the Traffic Management Improvement at Roadworks project, and one that aligns closely with our aims.

As part of our drive to see improved safety and capability in traffic management across Queensland, we are currently working with local governments to ensure they are familiar with the benefits, impacts and opportunities of the new traffic management requirements.

As the project rolls into its third year, we believe the role of local government is more important than ever in delivering improved experiences for road users and road workers alike — meaning safer, more consistent traffic management for the whole of Queensland.

MUTCD update — Enhanced signs

The Supplement to Part 3 of the MUTCD has now been updated (August 2016) to include information on using enhanced signs to warn of queued traffic on the approach to worksites. This was in response to the findings of the Bruce Highway Safety Report.

To access the updated document, please visit the MUTCD homepage at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Technical-standards-publications/Manual-of-uniform-traffic-control-devices.

Variable message signs — FAQs

To help clarify the rules surrounding VMS use, we thought we'd share some of our most frequently asked questions:

What documentation is required to use VMS?

In most cases VMS is considered optional, and must be justified with a risk assessment and supporting RPEQ endorsement.

Are there any exceptions?

There are two exceptions to this rule. First, when use of VMS is specified by the client, and second, when it is recommended by either Clause 4.7.8 (to avoid end-of-queue collisions) or Clause 4.9.3 (to improve the safety of speed zones) of the MUTCD Part 3. In these instances, RPEQ endorsement is not required.

Is VMS required when recommended by the MUTCD?

Where VMS is recommended by either Clauses 4.7.8 or 4.9.3 of MUTCD Part 3, any decision not to deploy them must be supported with a risk assessment and sign off by a person with at least a Traffic Management Design qualification.

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Upcoming Traffic Management Design training sessions

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

Details of upcoming department run coures are below:

Location	Dates	Status
Cloncurry	10-11 October 2016	Spaces available
Bundaberg	24-25 October 2016	Spaces available
Brisbane	31 October - 1 November 2016	Very limited spaces
Cairns	7-8 November 2016	Spaces available
Townsville	21-22 November 2016	Spaces available
Rockhampton	6-7 December 2016	Spaces available

Attendees are capped at 16 per course, a minimum number of attendees must be reached, otherwise course will be cancelled.

The cost of the 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 courses listed above please email Ailsa.G.Rix@tmr.qld.gov.au with:
- Your details
- For practitioners:
  - proof of your completed Traffic Management Implementation/Level 2 training
  - a copy of your CV highlighting a minimum two years' industry experience.
- For engineers:
  - a copy of your RPEQ, CPEng or Bachelor of Engineering qualification.

A set of TMD gating questions will then be emailed to you, these questions must be completed and emailed back to the department by the pre-course gating deadline.

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 31 August 2016)

1084* have undertaken the training

322 have obtained a passing grade

447 are currently being assessed

* 222 have chosen not to submit their assessment

New project website

Transport and Main Roads has launched a new webpage dedicated to the Traffic Management Improvement at Roadworks project (http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Business-with-us/Traffic-Management-At-Roadworks-project). Visit the site for an overview of the project, latest information, and important links.

Also available through the webpage are the department's new *Works on Roads* fact sheets, which summarise various road operation issues that should be considered when preparing and implementing Traffic Management Plans.

Austroads update

Work with Austroads is progressing well, with the National Project Manager recently submitting a business paper to the Austroads board for approval. Key elements of the work outlined include:
- To publish a research paper on international best practice measures
- To publish the first half of the Austroads Guide to Temporary Traffic Management
- To coordinate with the update to AS1742.3
- To review harmonised training material
- To coordinate with industry over national registration schemes.