**Bridge Strike**

**Protection Program – Wynnum**

The Queensland Government is committed to improving safety at low-level rail

over road bridges and is working with Queensland Rail and local councils to prevent bridge strikes.

The Pine Street rail bridge in Wynnum is part of the state-wide Bridge Strike

Protection Program that involves installing protection beams to prevent over-height vehicles striking existing rail bridges.

**Why is this important?**

Bridge strikes pose a major risk to Queensland Rail infrastructure can result in severe consequences for passenger safety. They can also cause traffic and train delays.

The Pine Street rail bridge is already fitted with protection measures, including height clearance, advance warning signage and chimes, yet bridge strikes continue to occur at this location.

The effectiveness of protection beams has already been demonstrated at various locations including Dutton Park (Annerley Road), Indooroopilly (Allwood Street), Nambour (Price Street) and Woombye (Back Woombye Road).

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Wynnum Central station

**Legend**

Strike protection beam install location  Pine Street rail bridge **N** Train station

Railway line

Map not to scale

**What is involved?**

Work is scheduled to start in late May 2017 to install a protection beam on each approach to the rail bridge over Pine Street, Wynnum.

The protection beams will be attached to the existing concrete walls and span two lanes over Pine Street.

Queensland Rail is working closely with Brisbane City Council to deliver the project, which will improve transport safety in Wynnum.

**Construction impacts**

Construction work is scheduled to occur from 22 May until mid August, weather and construction conditions permitting. Work hours will be between 6.30am and 6.30pm Monday to Saturday.

Some partial road closures of Pine Street will be required while works are completed, with traffic management in place to direct road users.

Residents may notice an increase in vehicle movement and noise from machinery and construction activities during this time. Queensland Rail will endeavor to minimise noise disruption where possible and thanks the local community for their cooperation during works.

A night time full road closure will be required to lift the protection beams into place. Advance notification and signage for drivers will be provided.

**Changed road conditions**

**Once the protection beams are installed, the maximum clearance height for vehicles will remain at 2.8 metres.**

It is essential that motorists are aware of the height of their vehicles and follow the warning signs.

Advance warning signs will be installed by Brisbane City Council as part of this project.

**Contact Queensland Rail**

If you have any questions about Queensland Rail’s works on Pine Street, Wynnum, please call

**13 16 17** (8am - 5pm Monday - Friday) or email **communityengagement@qr.com.au**

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