Laidley timber rail bridges replacement

Queensland Rail is replacing three timber rail bridges west of Laidley, on the Main line.

As part of this project, ageing timber bridges will be replaced with steel and concrete structures to improve reliability, operational safety and efficiency of services on the rail corridor.

The current rail height will be maintained at each location. Queensland Rail has used Lockyer Valley Regional Council’s flood modelling data to assist with the design of the new Laidley bridges. The existing waterway openings under each bridge will be maintained or increased.

After hours work

Construction has been scheduled to minimise disruption to passengers and rail freight, with stage one of works to be undertaken after hours, during a planned track closure from 11.30pm on Friday, 19 June to 12.30am on Monday, 22 June 2015. During this 48-hour period, the old bridges will be removed and replaced with concrete structures.

Similar timings for around-the-clock works are planned for track closures on the weekends of 4-6 July and 1-3 August 2015.

For these after hours work periods, nearby residents may experience some noise from truck movements and construction activity, and will see cranes and lighting during night activities.

Queensland Rail apologises for any inconvenience and thanks stakeholders and the local community for their cooperation during these important works.

Replacement of all three Laidley timber rail bridges is anticipated to be completed by September 2015, weather and construction conditions permitting.
Safety is our priority

Safety is the number one priority for Queensland Rail.

To maintain a safe environment for workers and the general public, the sites in the vicinity of the three bridges will not be accessible for the duration of works.

Keeping you informed

Queensland Rail is committed to keeping stakeholders and the community informed about the Laidley timber bridges replacement.

Stakeholders and the local community will be notified of potential construction impacts and any further scheduled track closures as works progress.

For more information about this project, contact Queensland Rail’s customer service team on 13 16 17 or email customerfeedback@qr.com.au.