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## Invitation to attend community information and consultation session Munna Point Bridge refounding project

I would like to invite you to attend a community information and consultation session regarding the Munna Point Bridge on Noosa Parade.

Plans are underway to provide new foundations to the bridge within the next three years. Council's intention is for the existing bridge and approach lanes to remain **open to pedestrian and vehicular traffic** during refounding works.

Although the road deck, bridge railings and pedestrian pathways will not form part of this project stage, the final substructure/foundation design is expected to make provision for a future cycle path and improved pedestrian access.

Council has engaged the services of professional design and engineering firm Arup to design the technical aspects of the new substructure (bridge foundations) and local (Tinbeerwah) architectural firm, Bark Design, to work on the aesthetics of the project in consultation with Council's project engineers and design consultants. Together, the project team has arrived at a number of potential design options for the Munna Point bridge refounding project.

Council is committed to keeping the community informed about the project and is holding a community information and consultation session on Thursday 3 March in the Tewantin Council Chambers at 5.30pm.

The purpose of the community information and consultation session is:

- to inform residents and stakeholders about the project;
- to provide residents and stakeholders with an opportunity to speak with the project team;
- to seek input from residents and stakeholders regarding –
  - the final bridge design concept (from a number of proposed options)
  - bridge aesthetics (for example, colour, concrete designs and/or other elements that may form part of the final bridge design concept)
  - construction timing and staging (for example, the preferred month/s for construction to take place; whether a shorter term construction period with extended hours or a longer term construction period with staggered hours is preferred? Should construction take place during school or public holidays?)
  - to identify any community issues or concerns relating to the project including future considerations (for example, upgrades to bridge railings, viewing platforms, etc)

The session will include a short formal presentation followed by question and answer time. Refreshments will be available.

Feel free to pass this invitation on to anyone who may be interested in the Munna Point Bridge refounding project. A copy of the project media release has been included with this correspondence for your further information.

Kind regards



Cr Russell Green  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

10 December 2010

## **Munna Point Bridge to receive new foundations and ‘facelift’**

Sunshine Coast Council has announced plans to provide new foundations to the existing Munna Point Bridge on Noosa Parade within the next three years. The foundations will be replaced by a new substructure; however the existing bridge and approach lanes will remain open to pedestrian and vehicular traffic during remedial works.

The final design is yet to be determined, however, it is expected to include enhanced pedestrian and cycle access and improved aesthetics of the 105 metre long bridge.

The existing foundations, which were built in the 1970's, have been subject to years of aggressive concrete corrosion – known as alkali silica reaction (ASR) and chloride attack – due to salt water exposure.

The bridge is perfectly safe for use now, although expert, independent engineers' analyses recommend that work be undertaken within the next three-five years in order to ensure the load limit and functionality of the bridge is not progressively downgraded to the point closure or removal.

Division 11 Councillor Russell Green said that Council's priorities were to ensure that the bridge remains open to traffic and be repaired in a cost efficient and timely manner. Leading professional design and engineering firm, Arup has been charged with the task of formulating the new substructure.

Cr Green added that during this time, Council would take the opportunity to improve the bridge's appearance in consultation with design experts and the community.

"We have engaged the services of local (Tinbeerwah) architectural firm, Bark Design, to work on the aesthetics of the bridge in consultation with our project engineers and design consultants," he said.

"We will also hold a community and stakeholder workshop to seek feedback from interested parties on some of Arup and Bark's initial designs in order to ensure that this is a bridge the community will be proud for its 100 year plus lifespan."

Work has already commenced on the technical aspects of the project with the community and stakeholder workshop expected to take place in early 2011. The bridge substructure will continue to be monitored and tested throughout the life of the project. Once a final design has been agreed, Council anticipates construction to commence around May 2012.

Cr Green said that the community would be kept-up-to-date throughout the project.

"We will certainly be keeping the community informed at every stage of this project, including notification of any construction works to surrounding residents and businesses at the appropriate time," he said. To register your interest in participating in the community and stakeholder workshop please contact Sunshine Coast Council Customer Service Centre on (07) 5475 7272.

### **ENDS**

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Media briefings and/or photo opportunities welcome.

Photograph showing current status of Munna Point Bridge substructure available on request.