Walter Taylor Bridge Tower renewal works

January 2026

We're continuing works to preserve the much loved, heritage listed Walter Taylor Bridge to ensure it continues to serve the community for decades to come.

A message from the Lord Mayor

We're giving the Walter Taylor Bridge a fresh update by renewing the façades of both towers. At the same time, we'll carry out essential maintenance to ensure the bridge remains safe and reliable for everyone who uses it.

These works are part of our ongoing efforts to care for and protect this iconic landmark.

Adrian Schrinner,

LORD MAYOR OF BRISBANE

What's involved?

Carrying approximately 32,000 daily users, the Walter Taylor Bridge provides a critical transport link in Brisbane's network and is a vital connection across the Brisbane River, linking Chelmer with Indooroopilly.

The works will include:

→ **Refurbishing and repairing the surface** of the north (Indooroopilly) and south towers (Chelmer), including updating the protective coatings

→ **Inspecting the bridge cables and connection points (nodes),** and repairing or replacing them where needed.

→ **Taking a closer look at key structural parts** of the bridge to assess their condition and identify any signs of deterioration, damage or wear to plan our maintenance program for future years.

These improvements will help keep the Walter Taylor Bridge in good condition for many years to come.

We encourage anyone who travels through the area to sign up for email updates. For more information and to register for updates, scan the QR code or contact us by:

3178 5413 (business hours)
3403 8888 (24 hours, 7 days)

cityprojects@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Tower renewal works

What happens first?

We will begin with a series of further, more detailed investigations to help us better understand the condition of each tower and what repairs are needed, starting with the north tower. This will allow us to determine:

- where the existing render needs to be replaced
- which areas can be repaired or simply cleaned

To do this, scaffolding will be installed partially on the northern tower and our specialist crews will take small samples from various parts of the façades for testing.

What happens next?

Once investigations are complete and the results are reviewed, we'll finalise the best approach for the main works. Subject to the findings, we expect the main works on the north tower to begin in mid-2026. Works on the south tower will commence following the completion of the north tower.

Tower renewal works timing

February 2026 Tower investigations	Mid-2026 North tower renewal	2027 South tower renewal

Bridge maintenance

Node and cable investigations and repairs

Nodes are the steel connections between the cables and the truss and will be de-tensioned for cleaning and maintenance, then re-tensioned once complete.

These works will commence from mid-2026 and will be done in stages over the next few years.

During periods of tensioning, vehicles won't be allowed on the bridge deck. More information about timing and community impacts will be distributed separately.
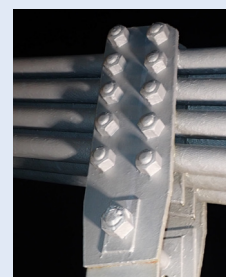
Detailed bridge inspection

A detailed condition inspection of the Walter Taylor Bridge will be carried out by trained inspectors to check for damage, confirm safety standards and guide future maintenance planning.

Did you know? We conduct detailed inspections on all Council bridges approximately every five years to ensure they remain safe and in good condition.
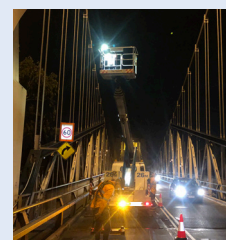
What does this mean for you?

While we'll use best practise methods and carefully plan the works to minimise disruptions including planning works for night time and weekends, some impacts to the community will be unavoidable.

We will continue to share updates with the community on traffic and pedestrian detours, night works and other construction impacts as the works progress.