

2010 UCI ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WORKS ALERT



TEMPORARY BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION AT QUEENS PARK

BACKGROUND

Geelong is host city for the 2010 UCI Road World Championships to be held between 29 September and 3 October.

The championships will be held on a 16 kilometre circuit around Geelong incorporating Pakington Street, Geelong Waterfront, Moorabool Street, Barrabool Road alongside Barwon River and the challenging hills of Highton and the Queens Park area.

Approximately 300,000 spectators are expected during the five days of competition. The elite men's road race on Sunday 3 October will attract an anticipated 150,000 people.

The Road World Championships are run by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) – the international governing body for cycling. The Geelong course must comply with criteria set by the UCI. One such requirement is a minimum road width of six-metres for the course including where the race crosses the Barwon River at Queens Park. The existing single lane Queens Bridge, at three metres wide, is too narrow for the safe running of the event.

Event organisers will construct a temporary bridge at Queens Park to stage the race to meet the UCI requirements.

ABOUT THE TEMPORARY BRIDGE

The temporary bridge will be a Bailey bridge - a style commonly used by the military and road authorities such as VicRoads where a low cost temporary river crossing is required.

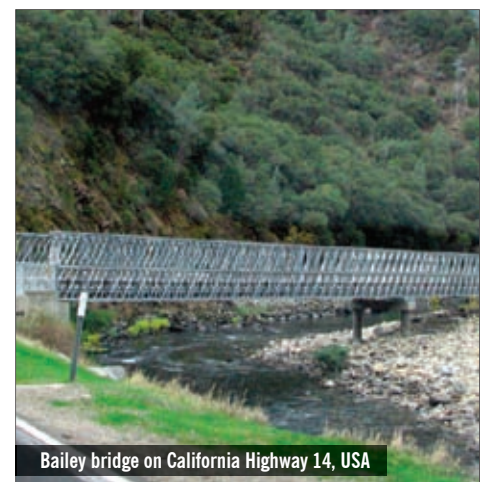
Bailey bridges are built from ready to assemble prefabricated components. Temporary approach roads will be constructed on the east and west bank of the river to join the race course with the bridge.

The bridge will be located north (upriver) of the existing single lane bridge. The

western approach road will be routed north of the toilet block at Queens Park.

Once the championships are finished the temporary bridge will be disassembled and the site returned to its original condition. The exception will be on the western bank where the approach road can be incorporated into existing plans to landscape and pave the car park on this side of the Barwon River.

This project is identified in the City of Greater Geelong's Queens Park Master Plan.



Bailey bridge on California Highway 14, USA



ALTERNATIVE PEDESTRIAN ROUTES

Alternative pedestrian routes will apply for the riverside shared path where it meets the bridge site at Queens Park.

The alternative route may vary during the works to allow for the construction of the approach roads. Changes to the existing route will be signposted.

Queens Park Road, including the existing single lane bridge, will remain open throughout the works program. Temporary traffic controls may be in place at times.

The above diagram shows the temporary alternative pedestrian path.



FAST FACTS

- Temporary bridge to cross Barwon River for 2010 UCI Road World Championships
- Existing Queens Bridge is too narrow for the race to safely cross the river
- Bridge will be a pre-fabricated Bailey bridge renowned for its strength and low cost
- Bridge will be removed after the event and the site returned to its original condition
- UCI Road World Championships will be the biggest cycling event held in Australia
- Riders from some 50 countries will compete in Geelong
- Changes to the western side will be incorporated into the Queens Park Master Plan.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Activity	Start (Approx)	Duration (Approx)
Establishment of site at Queens Park	July	1 week
Construction of base layer for approach roads	August	1 week
Assembly and installation of Bailey bridge	August	3 weeks
Construction of approach roads	August / September	2.5 weeks
Site clearance in readiness for event	September	2 weeks
Disassembly of bridge and reinstatement of site	October	2 weeks

All times should be used as a guide and are correct at the time of printing.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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