

State Growth

New Bridgewater Bridge

March 2021

Project update

As part of the Hobart City Deal, the Australian and Tasmanian governments have committed \$576 million for a new Bridgewater Bridge. This is the largest ever investment in a single transport infrastructure project in Tasmania's history.

Building a new Bridgewater Bridge will improve safety and reduce congestion for the thousands of people who travel across the bridge and on surrounding roads each day, delivering a more reliable journey for drivers, freight operators, and the local community, and removing wait times for river vessels.

Current situation

- Work on the Project is progressing towards construction starting in 2022.
- Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) Agreements have been awarded to two tenderers and a competitive design process has started.
- A design and construct contract is due to be awarded by the end of 2021.
- Environmental and heritage investigations are continuing.
- The new Bridgewater Bridge has been declared a Major Project as part of the Tasmanian Government's Major Projects legislation and planning approvals are underway.
- A Reference Design showing what may be built was released in October 2020 for public consultation with feedback received online, in person and via an interactive map.
- An Engagement Report has been developed and released.

Community Consultation

Late last year we asked for community and stakeholder feedback on the Project's Reference Design.

The Reference Design was developed as an example of what may be built to achieve the Project's design requirements within budget.

We thank those who took the time to provide feedback. During this phase of the Project, we received more than 2 500 visits to the new Bridgewater Bridge interactive online map, and:

- 162 comments
- 40 comments on the Project's 'Ideas Wall'
- 22 submissions, and
- 11 hardcopy feedback forms.

A detailed report outlining all feedback received has been provided to the two ECI tenderers as they further develop their designs.

To view the feedback report online, visit:

www.transport.tas.gov.au/newbridgewaterbridge



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New Bridgewater Bridge declared a Major Project

The New Bridgewater Bridge Project made history late last year as the first project in the state to be declared a Major Project as part of the Tasmanian Government's Major Projects legislation.

Because of its significance, economic value and complexity, the Project was identified as a being suitable to be assessed using the new legislation.

The Major Project process provides a coordinated assessment of environmental, Aboriginal heritage, historic cultural heritage, threatened species, land use planning, TasWater and gas pipeline safety impacts.

The Project will now be assessed by an independent expert panel appointed by the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

Tenderers shortlisted to build new Bridgewater Bridge

Late last year, two of the country's top construction companies were shortlisted to compete to build the new Bridgewater Bridge.

CPB Contractors and McConnell Dowell Constructors were awarded Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) Agreements in December 2020 and have started a competitive design and tendering process.

The tenderers are now working collaboratively with the New Bridgewater Bridge Project team to further refine and develop their individual tenders for the design and construction of the new bridge.

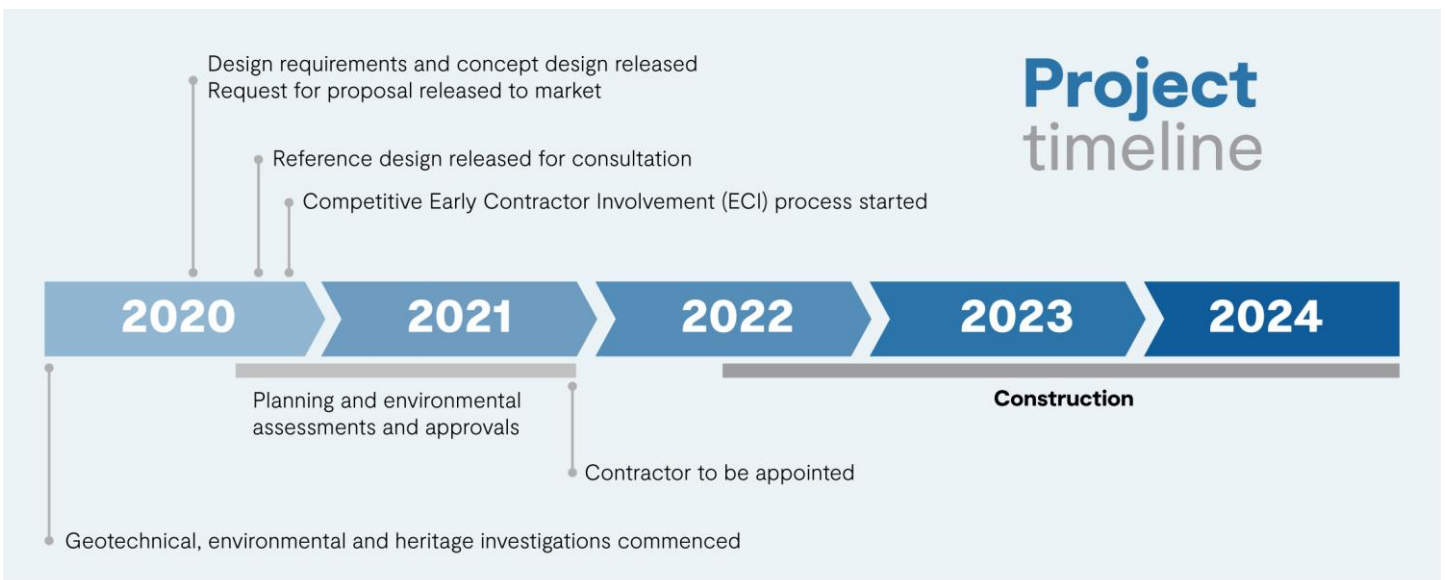
Final designs prepared by the successful contractor will be presented to the community before the start of construction.

Next steps

Key milestones for the next six months include:

- finishing environmental and heritage investigations
- submitting the Major Project Impact Statement
- receiving tenders, and
- continuing engagement with the community and key stakeholders.

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