

## Nambour – Bridge Strike Protection

The Queensland Government is committed to improving safety at low-level rail over road bridges and is working with Queensland Rail and local councils to reduce bridge strikes to zero.

Price Street, Nambour, is the sixth location in a state-wide Bridge Strike Protection Program, that involves installing protection beams to prevent 'over-height' vehicles striking existing rail bridges.

### What is involved?

Work is scheduled to start in early November 2015 to install protection beams on both approaches to the rail bridge over Price Street, Nambour.

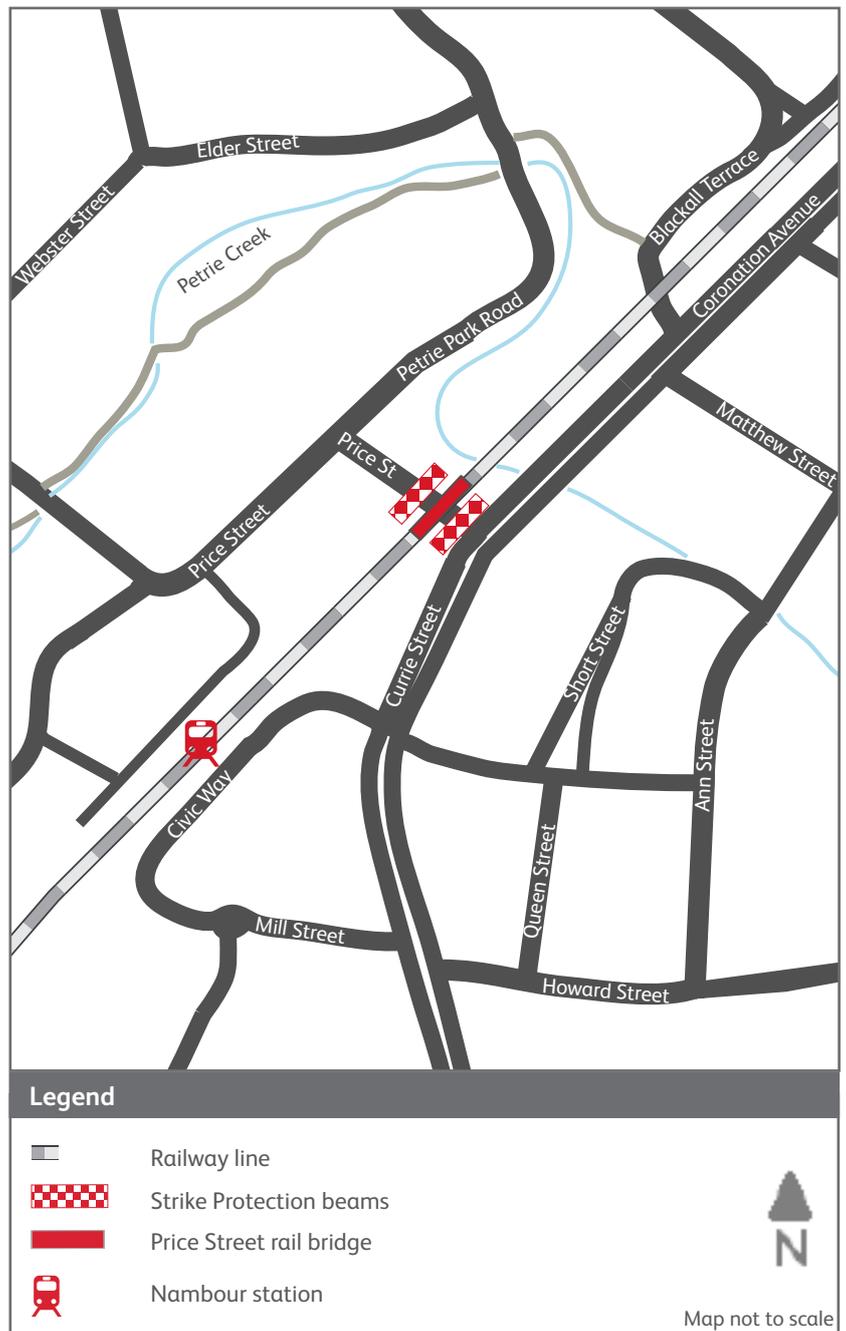
The protection beams are designed to stop any 'over-height' vehicles before they reach the rail bridge. The new stand-alone protection beams will span the full road width of Price Street.

Queensland Rail is working in close collaboration with Sunshine Coast Council to deliver the project, which will improve transport safety in Nambour.

### Why is this important?

Bridge strikes pose a major risk to Queensland Rail infrastructure, with potentially severe consequences for passenger safety. Bridge strikes can also result in train delays.

The Price Street rail bridge was struck by 'over-height' vehicles three times within the past few months.



# For your information



While the site is currently fitted with protection measures including height clearance and advance warning signage, bridge strikes continue to occur at this location.

The effectiveness of the protection beams has already been demonstrated at Annerley Road, Dutton Park, where beams were installed in 2014.

## Changed road conditions

**Once the protection beams are installed, the maximum clearance height for vehicles will remain at 3.3 metres.**

New warning signage will be installed by Sunshine Coast Council as part of this project.

It is essential that motorists are aware of the height of their vehicles and follow the warning signage provided.

## Construction impacts

Construction work is planned to occur between early November 2015 and mid February 2016.

Each stand-alone protection beams will require support columns to be installed on both sides of the road.

Night works and road closures will be required throughout this time to safely construct the support columns, and to lift and install the protection beams.

Wherever possible this will be scheduled in advance outside of peak times to minimise traffic disruption.

Advance notification will be provided and signage and traffic control will be in place to advise motorists and pedestrians of temporary closures and detours.

Queensland Rail will endeavour to minimise disruption to motorists and the surrounding communities during construction activities.

## Contact Queensland Rail

If you have any questions about Queensland Rail's works on Price Street, Nambour, please contact Queensland Rail's customer service team on **13 16 17** or email [customerfeedback@qr.com.au](mailto:customerfeedback@qr.com.au)