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STEWARTS RIVER BRIDGE DECK STARTS CONSTRUCTION

Work on the 33 km Coopernook to Herons Creek upgrade of the Pacific Highway is now under way.

The \$540 million jointly State and Federally funded project includes the construction of two significant bridge decks over the Camden Haven and Stewarts Rivers.

Deck construction for the larger of the two structures, at Stewarts River, is scheduled to start on the 9 February from the southern side of the bridge.

“The new bridge will carry northbound traffic and will have a similar appearance to the existing bridge, which is being retained for southbound traffic,” the spokesperson said.

The new Stewarts River bridge will have seven spans with a total length of 294 metres.

To build the bridge prestressed concrete will be fitted to the deck in 15 segments (about 19 to 21 metres long) and will be pushed out progressively over the piers using hydraulic jacks.

“This type of bridge building requires absolute precision.

“This method of bridge construction has already been successfully used to upgrade two bridges on the Pacific Highway over the Karuah River and Manning River,” the spokesperson said.

The Coopernook to Herons Creek upgrade is being built under an alliance agreement between RTA and the private sector.

The project is scheduled to be finished by the end of the year.

For more information on the project please go to the RTA website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific (click on Coopernook to Herons Creek) or phone 1800 353 670 (toll free).