



Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2016-17 to 2019-20



Advancing Queensland: Investing in economic growth, creating jobs now and for the future

Transport infrastructure plays a critical role in the long-term prosperity, liveability and sustainability of Queensland. *The Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program* (QTRIP) 2016-17 to 2019-20 outlines approximately \$20 billion in investment for transport infrastructure over the coming four years, and supports an estimated 15,900 direct jobs over the life of the program.

The Palaszczuk Government is listening to communities and providing local governments with the confidence to plan infrastructure that sustains local employment. On the back of the 2015 Building Our Regions election commitment, an additional \$30 million per annum is being provided to local governments from 2017-18, through the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS). This additional \$90 million over the final three years of this QTRIP will extend the ongoing base investment in TIDS to \$70 million per annum across all QTRIP years.

In north west Queensland, the government has committed \$19.6 million to seal the Kennedy Developmental Road (The Lynd-Hughenden), known locally as the Hann Highway, to improve productivity, resilience and safety. Negotiations are ongoing with the Australian Government to secure the federal funding commitment.

In north Queensland, the Gregory Developmental Road is a key resource, agricultural, tourism and community connection. Major road and bridge works have been funded to improve freight efficiency on this inland freight route. This includes \$42.3 million for a pavement widening package between Charters Towers and The Lynd, and \$34.6 million for the construction of a new high-level Cape River Bridge and approaches located 116km south of Charters Towers.

The Palaszczuk Government recognises the importance of supporting regional infrastructure, connecting communities, supporting the construction industry, and delivering local jobs across the state. In this regard, the QTRIP continues

to deliver significant programs such as the ongoing jointly funded \$8.5 billion Bruce Highway Upgrade, the \$635 million Warrego Highway Upgrade, and the \$260.5 million Cape York Region Package. In addition, funding for infrastructure projects has been fast-tracked statewide, to the value of \$144.6 million, under the Accelerated Works Program.

A \$10 million allocation for the Transport and Tourism Connections program will allow local governments to access shared funding to improve approaches to tourist and culturally-significant sites across western Queensland.

In south east Queensland, Cross River Rail is one of the government's highest priority transport infrastructure projects. An additional \$684 million has been provided to establish a dedicated delivery authority and fund a world-class signalling system which will enable Cross River Rail to be built. The delivery authority will have standalone legislation to progress planning and environmental approvals, begin market readiness activities, and commence early and enabling works.

A \$160.7 million package of transport infrastructure will be completed by April 2018 in time for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. Also, the Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2 project will deliver a 7.3km northern extension of light rail from the Gold Coast University Hospital to Helensvale, to be operational prior to the Games.

Queensland has an enviable climate and wonderful natural attractions. The allocation of \$84 million for recreational boating facilities, and more than \$161 million towards active transport infrastructure such as cycleways, will continue to enhance community lifestyles.

With passenger transport infrastructure playing an essential part in supporting the movement of people within the state, the government is continuing to deliver the \$7.4 million upgrade of the Redland Bay Marina bus station.

The State Infrastructure Fund (SIF) has been established to support the implementation of the *State Infrastructure Plan*. With an initial investment of \$500 million, the SIF has already allocated more than \$300 million to progress significant road and rail upgrades across Queensland. It has provided the funding required to match the Australian Government's commitment for the \$400 million Ipswich Motorway (Rocklea-Darra) Stage 1 to allow this important project to progress. Moreover, \$42 million has been provided towards an upgrade of the Pacific Motorway-Gateway Motorway merge (southbound lanes), noting that delivery is subject to an 80% Australian Government funding commitment. The SIF has also secured \$100 million for productivity upgrades to the North Coast Line.

The QTRIP supports the multi-modal needs of Queenslanders and aims to future-proof the state, generate employment and foster economic growth.



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Connecting Queensland: Bringing communities closer through a single integrated transport network

My department's vision of "creating a single integrated transport network accessible to everyone" underpins the work Transport and Main Roads continues to deliver across Queensland.

The QTRIP is a critical enabler for an integrated transport network that connects all communities across the state, while ensuring our infrastructure is sustainable and reflects economic and community demands. This QTRIP outlines approximately \$20 billion of works over the next four years across the local, state and national transport networks.

Our continued commitment to working in partnership with the Australian Government, local governments and the private sector plays an important role in delivering best value transport system outcomes for the community. On the national land transport network, in collaboration with the Australian Government, we are delivering:

- the \$1.606 billion Toowoomba Second Range Crossing project that will provide a 41km bypass route to the north of Toowoomba, running from the Warrego Highway at Helidon to the Gore Highway at Athol via Charlton
- the \$1.143 billion Gateway Upgrade North project to widen the Gateway Motorway to six lanes, between Nudgee and Bracken Ridge
- the \$490 million construction of the Cooroy to Curra Section A on the Bruce Highway, delivering a new four-lane divided highway between the existing interchange south of Cooroy and the new section of highway in Federal near Sankeys Road
- the \$189 million widening to four lanes and partial realignment of the Eton Range crossing on the Peak Downs Highway

- the \$58 million widening of the Bruce Highway to six lanes, between Robert Road and Foster Road, to improve safety, traffic flow and congestion, enhancing access for users of the southern access to Cairns.

With the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games around the corner, we will finalise delivery of key projects to support this world stage event in Queensland, including:

- the \$38 million widening of the Southport-Burleigh Road (High Street, Ferry Road and Bundall Road), from four to six lanes, between North Street and Vespa Crescent
- the \$26 million signalisation of the Labrador-Carrara Road (Ross Street) and Ashmore Road intersection.

QTRIP also outlines public transport infrastructure projects being delivered to support the provision of a reliable, safe, accessible and attractive passenger transport network. Projects include the \$4.7 million Morayfield Bus Station, the \$2.5 million Ernie's Roundabout Driver Facilities, and various park 'n' ride facilities across the state.

The department's delivery of the QTRIP program of works spans beyond road and transport infrastructure. This includes funding towards cycle networks that provide active travel options and have a positive impact on congestion, health, the environment and tourism. Cycling projects include:

- the \$14 million construction of the North Brisbane Cycleway Stage 2 and 3, between Windsor and Woolloowin, to link Brisbane's CBD to the northern suburbs

- \$4.1 million for cycling connections, including the delivery of on-road bike lanes on Logan Road in Underwood as part of the Veloway 1 cycle route
- the \$6.1 million construction of cycling facilities along David Low Way, including commencing links to the Sunshine Coast Motorway and Runway Drive to Boardwalk Boulevard.

We continue to invest in the maintenance, preservation and operations of our wider transport network for the wellbeing of the travelling community, ensuring our assets are effective and resilient. In this regard, more than \$3.5 billion has been allocated over the next four years for this significant task across the state.

With Queenslanders using our roads and transport system on a regular basis, safety remains a key priority for my department. We have committed to delivering targeted road safety programs that reduce the impact of road trauma in Queensland.

We will continue to contribute to the Queensland Government's strategic objectives for the community by planning, managing and delivering transport and road infrastructure that is customer focussed, efficient, affordable and resilient.



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