

Three, five-year rolling action plans

The three, five-year rolling action plans are represented in each regional map, corresponding with a table that includes a description of the project, an indicative timeframe for delivery (known as a tranche and depicted with small triangular shapes) and the project's benefits. The first tranche covers the period 2024–25 to 2028–29, the second tranche covers 2029–30 to 2033–34 and the third tranche covers 2034–35 to 2038–39—noting as the current BHUP 2013–14 to 2027–28 winds down, the first tranche of the Action Plans will be ramping up. The benefits align with the three objectives to **unlock economic growth** (a green dot), **build flood resilience** (a maroon dot) and **improve safety** (a blue dot).

The priorities recommended by the BHTAC in the 15-year Vision and Action Plans for the Bruce Highway are subject to further planning and business case development, including rigorous assessment and consideration of financial, economic and environmental factors to confirm project scope, cost and delivery timeframes.

Project and state-wide program priorities outlined in the Vision and Action Plans will inform Bruce Highway investment decisions as part of future Federal and State Budgets, with funding outcomes published in the annual Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program. This transparency of future works will give the community and industry increased certainty regarding Bruce Highway upgrade delivery timeframes.



Sarina Northern Access Upgrade, completed February 2020.



Looking onto the existing Bruce Highway interchange at Woondum (Gympie Bypass) (January 2022).

TMR's decentralised operations have provided a strong local presence in Queensland communities for many years. Across Queensland, TMR has six regional offices with employees located throughout these regions to facilitate the safe and efficient delivery of transport infrastructure and operations of the Queensland transport system.

The Bruce Highway traverses four TMR regions, namely North Coast Region, Southern Queensland Region (through the Wide Bay Burnett District), Central Region (through the Fitzroy District and Mackay/Whitsunday District) and North Queensland Region (through the Northern District and Far North District).

State-wide package priorities

There are a number of state-wide packages that include priorities across all four regions that contribute towards achieving the 15-year Vision. Specific priority locations and scope will be informed through further planning.

Over the next 15 years, between Brisbane and Cairns, the BHTAC recommends the delivery of the following key state-wide priority packages to **unlock economic growth, build flood resilience and improve safety**, including:

- undertaking a major program of **pavement rehabilitation and strengthening** on priority locations between Brisbane and Cairns to improve ride quality and asset resilience to extreme weather events
- additional **rest areas** (new and upgrades to existing facilities) at priority sites between Brisbane and Cairns as part of a whole-of-corridor **fatigue management strategy**
- maintaining an **Intelligent Transport System (ITS)** between Brisbane and Cairns to provide customers with better advance warning and predictive information to inform their travel choices
- major **culvert rehabilitation** works to enhance asset resilience
- investigating a flood warning system. Combining TMR data with rainfall and landscape models will help assess flood risk at particular Bruce Highway locations and provide customers with improved and timely flood warning advice when planning their trip.
- **route and link planning** to better inform detailed priority project development.

Statewide



Bruce Highway Proposed Investment	Benefits			Tranches		
Brisbane - Cairns: Route and link planning				▶		
Brisbane - Cairns: Pavement strengthening	●	●	●		▶	▶
Brisbane - Cairns: Fatigue management and rest areas		●		▶	▶	
Brisbane - Cairns: Intelligent Transport Systems rehabilitation	●	●		▶	▶	▶
Brisbane - Cairns: Major culvert rehabilitation works		●	●	▶	▶	▶
Brisbane - Cairns: Bruce Highway flood warning system	●	●	●	▶		

Indicative Benefit Alignment	Proposed Delivery Tranche
● Unlock economic growth	▶ 2024–25 to 2028–29
● Improve safety	▶ 2029–30 to 2033–34
● Build flood resilience	▶ 2034–35 to 2038–39

Legend

- Bruce Highway
- State-controlled roads
- TMR Region boundary
- TMR District boundary

A map of Queensland indicating TMR’s regional and district boundaries, with the Bruce Highway highlighted.