

Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program

2014-15 to 2017-18



Foreword by the Premier and Minister

The development of *The Queensland Plan: a 30-year vision for Queensland* has demonstrated the Queensland Government's commitment to collaborating with community, business and industry representatives to identify priorities for our bright future.

A key priority for the state continues to be delivering better infrastructure and better planning by building a transport system that supports the needs of Queenslanders, industry and local government.

The *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2014-15 to 2017-18* will deliver \$18.1 billion in transport infrastructure across local, state and national networks over the next four years. This is all part of our strong plan for a brighter future, planning and delivering infrastructure in a safe, reliable and efficient manner.

This QTRIP continues to support the long term economic growth of Queensland, growing a four pillar economy by delivering key transport infrastructure across the state, as well as preserving and maintaining our wider transport network for the safe and efficient movement of people and freight.

This QTRIP has been drafted in collaboration with the Australian Government for works on the national network. This partnership will deliver an \$8.5 billion program to fix the Bruce Highway over 10 years (2013-14 to 2022-23). Works will improve safety, flood immunity and capacity, consistent with priorities outlined in the Bruce Highway Action Plan.

In addition, the \$635 million Warrego Highway Upgrade Program will deliver safety, capacity and infrastructure regeneration and renewal upgrades at various locations on the Toowoomba to Miles section of the highway.

This program of work is jointly funded by the Australian Government and Queensland Government and will enhance safety and reliability of the transport network essential to the Surat Basin's economic growth and the traditional agriculture and tourism industries.

Other key priority projects include the:

- Toowoomba Second Range Crossing project to construct a 41km bypass route to the north of Toowoomba, running from the Warrego Highway at Helidon to the Gore Highway at Athol via Charlton, at a total cost of \$1.606 billion, jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments. This project will provide an alternative range crossing for the increasing traffic volumes that pass through Toowoomba and over the Toowoomba Range, especially heavy vehicles.
- New Generation Rollingstock project to construct a new maintenance facility and new rollingstock to meet the growing demand for rail services in South East Queensland.
- Bus and Train Tunnel project which is a world first, innovative infrastructure project combining a railway and a busway into a single, double-decked tunnel beneath the Brisbane River and Brisbane's Central Business District. The Queensland Government is currently developing a business case for this \$5 billion project in consultation with Brisbane City Council. Once construction funding has been confirmed, the Bus and Train Tunnel project will appear in future QTRIP publications.
- Gateway Upgrade North which is a \$1.16 billion project due for completion in 2018-19.

The past few years have seen our transport and road network damaged by natural disasters as a result of various flood and cyclone events across the state. This QTRIP will also include funding for the estimated \$150 million of damage for natural disaster events in early 2014. The Queensland Government has committed \$37.5 million (25%) for this damage estimate, and it is anticipated that the Australian Government will fund the balance under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements for recovery and restoration works.

This QTRIP continues to address the government's priorities for transport infrastructure that supports the long-term vision for a better Queensland, opening up our great state to great opportunities.



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Foreword by the Director-General

The Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2014-15 to 2017-18 is Transport and Main Roads' continued commitment to deliver efficient and effective transport and road infrastructure across Queensland.

The department has recently implemented a revised regional operating model that has a strong focus on local delivery and operations, and ensures the right resources are in the right places. As always, we are committed to delivering the most efficient outcomes for Queensland and this new structure supports this approach.

The new structure, consisting of six regions and 12 districts, will enable us to plan strategically while engaging locally within the communities, and reflects one of our core values – customers first. The regions and districts reflected in this edition of QTRIP are:

- South Coast Region, comprising the South Coast District
- Metropolitan Region, comprising the Metropolitan District
- Wide Bay/Burnett and North Coast Region made up of Wide Bay/Burnett and North Coast Districts
- Downs/South West Region made up of South West and Darling Downs Districts
- Central Queensland Region made up of Central West, Mackay/Whitsunday and Fitzroy Districts
- North Queensland Region made up of the Far North, North West and Northern Districts.

QTRIP outlines a program of works over the next four years dedicated to delivering better infrastructure and planning to improve the quality of our roads, bridges, railways, marine infrastructure and public transport solutions.

The department continues to invest in the maintenance, preservation and operations of our transport network to support the safe, efficient and effective movement of people, goods and services. As an example of this, the department awarded Road Asset Management (RAM) contracts in South East Queensland (SEQ) to the value of \$280 million in late 2013. These contracts are in place for five years, and are an effective way to deliver maintenance activities across SEQ.

Other key priority projects for the department included in this QTRIP are:

- \$374 million in 2014-15 for the \$988 million construction of the Moreton Bay Rail Link project, a dual-track passenger rail line from Petrie Station to Kippa-Ring Station, which is due for completion in 2016-17 (Australian, Queensland and local government funded)
- \$177.3 million in 2014-15 for the \$590 million duplication of the Bruce Highway (Cooroy to Curra) from Cooroy Southern Interchange to Sankeys Road (Section A), which is due for completion in 2016-17 (Australian and Queensland Government funded)
- \$80.4 million in 2014-15 for the \$200 million Townsville Ring Road Stage 4 project to provide a high-speed bypass of Townsville for heavy and commercial vehicles, which is due for completion in 2016-17 (Australian and Queensland Government funded)

- \$66 million in 2014-15 for the \$137.5 million duplication of a section of the Bruce Highway from two to four lanes, from Vantassel Street to Stuart Drive in Townsville, which is due for completion in 2014-15 (Australian and Queensland Government funded)
- \$47 million in 2014-15 for the \$296 million construction of a new elevated crossing of the Bruce Highway across the Yeppen Floodplain, which is due for completion in 2016-17 (Australian and Queensland Government funded).

In total, the Department of Transport and Main Roads is planning to deliver \$18.1 billion of works across local, state and national networks over the next four years.

The department is committed to delivering the programs and projects outlined in this QTRIP, and will continue to work together with the Australian Government, local governments and our private sector partners. Our collaboration with the Australian Government, through the Australian Government Infrastructure Investment Programme, has ensured that investment in Queensland's transport infrastructure supports the needs of Queensland.



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