

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Upgrades to final section of Monto–Mount Perry Road

- The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has completed design work for sealing the final 5.1km stretch of Monto–Mount Perry Road between the Burnett Highway and the Burnett River, including replacement of Splinter Creek bridge on a new alignment.
- Upgrading this final unsealed section of Monto–Mount Perry Road will improve safety on a vital link between North Burnett communities.
- Construction is expected to commence in mid-2024, weather and other conditions permitting.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is progressively sealing Monto-Mount Perry Road, to improve road safety and comfort, and reduce future maintenance requirements.

Construction on the final 5.1km section of Monto–Mount Perry Road between the Burnett Highway and the Burnett River, including the replacement of Splinter Creek bridge, will start from mid-2024 with construction expected to be complete by mid-2025 weather and other conditions permitting.

Monto–Mount Perry Road will be closed to through traffic between the Burnett Highway and the Burnett River to enable works to be completed as safely and efficiently as possible.

Access will be maintained for authorised vehicles only, including residents, under controlled conditions. A temporary detour will be in place for motorists via Kerwee Road (a local road).

Motorists can expect delays and are reminded to observe all warning and traffic control signs when approaching the work sites and to be aware of changed conditions.

We thank motorists for their patience while these important works are underway.

The project is jointly funded by the Australian Government's Road Safety Program and Queensland Government.

The Australian Government and Queensland Government have each committed \$255.7 million to Queensland's \$511.5 million allocation under the RSP, which will fund 71 projects for safety upgrades on Queensland's state-controlled roads.

Quotes attributable to the Transport and Main Roads Regional Director, Southern Queensland Region, Mr Bill Lansbury:

"TMR has been progressively sealing a 9.3km stretch of unsealed road between Monto and Mount Perry to improve travelling conditions and safety.

"\$28.6 million has been allocated to the project so far, with a further \$27 million recently allocated to complete final sealing works and construct a new bridge to replace the existing Splinter Creek timber bridge on a new, safer alignment.

"This much anticipated project to seal the final 5.1km of Monto – Mount Perry Road will improve safety and traffic flow on a vital link between North Burnett communities.

"Works are expected to get underway by mid-2024, weather and other conditions permitting.

"The Queensland Government's \$255.7 million commitment to this project and the other 70 being delivered under the Road Safety Program is estimated to support an average of 700 jobs and provide safer roads for families, businesses and industry.

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