

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Detailed design complete for Bruce Highway safety upgrade near Wallaville

Detailed design for a \$28.43 million, jointly funded upgrade of the Bruce Highway, north and south of the Burnett River near Wallaville, is complete with construction to start early next year (2021).

Transport and Main Roads Director-General Neil Scales said the project involved new northbound and southbound overtaking lanes between Mixhills Road and Walla Island Road, a new southbound overtaking lane between Clarke Innes Road and Mittlehausers Road, and several intersection upgrades.

"The new overtaking lanes will give motorists the opportunity to pass slow-moving vehicles and reduce risky manoeuvres," Mr Scales said.

"The Bruce Highway is the state's major north-south road corridor for tourist, transport and freight industries, so these works will help create a free-flowing link, while ensuring motorist safety."

Transport and Main Roads Regional Director for Southern Queensland Kym Murphy said wide centre line treatment would be applied to provide greater separation between oncoming traffic.

"An upgrade to the Martins Road intersection will move it north to align with the existing intersection at Clarke Innes Road and Bruce Highway," Ms Murphy said.

"Dedicated right-turn lanes will also be built at the Bruce Highway intersections with Inskips Road and McLennan Road.

"Construction tenders will be called later this year (2020). The work is set to start early next year (2021), conditions permitting.

"This project is part of the \$12.6 billion Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, creating jobs and a safer highway for all motorists."

The Bruce Highway Upgrade Program is the largest road infrastructure program currently underway in Queensland, supporting regional economic growth and boosting employment opportunities.

It is jointly funded with the Australian Government contributing \$10 billion and the Queensland Government contributing \$2.6 billion.

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