

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Slope rehabilitation works for Captain Cook Highway

Important slope rehabilitation works are about to start on the Captain Cook Highway near Rex Lookout and Turtle Creek culvert.

Transport and Main Roads District Director (Far North) Ross Hodgman said the works will improve safety for road users by reducing the risk of loose rock material falling onto the road surface and mitigating the effects of embankment erosion at these locations.

"PCA Ground Engineering will carry out this project as part of the Department of Transport and Main Roads Maintenance, Preservation and Environment program," said Mr Hodgman.

"The works will involve the removal of large rocks and stabilisation of the roadside area using soil nails and rock nets.

"The project will start in mid-January 2021 and is expected to be completed by late March 2021, weather permitting.

"Crews will be onsite between 6 am and 7 pm, with single lane operation under coordination of traffic controllers starting from 9 am.

"Several intermittent full road closures will be required to carry out scaling, cleaning and removal of large rocks.

"Road users can expect delays of up to 20 minutes during this time and should plan their journey accordingly.

"The Rex Lookout will remain open, however some car parks will be unavailable during the works.

"Variable Message Signs will be in place on the approaches to the work site to advise motorists about changed traffic conditions.

"We understand the importance of maintaining access through Captain Cook Highway and we will minimise traffic disruption as much as possible.

"Traffic controllers will monitor queueing lengths, and traffic will be allowed through the work area as soon as it is safe.

"Similar slope rehabilitation works are currently being carried out on Captain Cook Highway at Yule Point. Works at Yule Point are expected to be completed in February 2021, weather permitting."

For up-to-date information about works on the state-controlled road network call 13 19 40 or visit [www.QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au](http://www.QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au).

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