



Transport and Main Roads

Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program

2011–12 to 2014–15

Foreword by the Premier and Ministers

Only months ago, our state was devastated by floods and cyclones leaving a level of destruction never seen before. Queensland's transport network was hit hard, sustaining more damage than any other piece of public infrastructure.

This second edition of the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP)* takes last year's Australian-first program of works and adapts it to meet the needs of our disaster-devastated state. With the initial response to recover our disaster-hit transport network now largely complete, QTRIP 2011–12 to 2014–15 will fund the next stage of long term repairs, to rebuild our network better, safer, and more resilient.

It will set a benchmark in funding and delivering 20 years of disaster repair work over just two to three years – sustaining around 14,000 jobs every year – while still meeting the infrastructure needs of a rapidly growing state. For this QTRIP period, the Queensland and Australian Governments will invest \$19 billion for projects across Queensland. Billions will be pumped into our roads, rail, busways and marine infrastructure to make it more efficient, more reliable and safer to get around our state.

Creating local jobs will be a key priority for this QTRIP. Our policy both for contractors and the department will be that as many as possible of the 58,000 jobs generated will be regional jobs, borne by the communities where the work is taking place.

QTRIP is a comprehensive program that brings together projects from the Australian Government's Nation Building Program and Regional Infrastructure Fund, as well as state commitments. It builds on record transport and road investment in Queensland, with more than \$30 billion outlaid over the last 10 years.

Once again, it sets out the Queensland Government's plans to deliver priority road and transport projects with the funding available over the next four years. It's a blueprint to achieving our vision: Connecting Queensland. It helps Queenslanders get where they need to on time, reliably and safely. And having an increasing choice about how they travel.

Central to this year's QTRIP is the multi-billion dollar program to restore damaged roads, rail and marine infrastructure, as part of Operation Queensland. But at the same time, our department will be getting on with the job of progressing key road and transport projects, and delivering on election commitments which will make a huge difference to people's lives.

We will help support Queensland's economy, industry and exports by delivering major upgrades to the state's highways and maintaining our rail network. \$120 million will be spent doubling the capacity of the \$385 million Port Connect. On the Ipswich Motorway between Dinmore and Goodna, \$480 million will progress the \$1.95 billion upgrade in 2011–12. Across the state \$1.157 billion will be spent in 2011–12 on upgrading rail infrastructure and providing more carriages on the rail network.

In 2011–12, to get people out of cars, we will spend \$194 million to extend our world class busway network and set aside \$175.3 million for our Gold Coast Rapid Transit light rail upgrade program. This will be in addition to investing \$48.3 million in our cycle network.

To improve safety, we will maintain our multi-million dollar Safer Roads Sooner Program delivering infrastructure enhancements to our network, target known safety black spots through the Australian Government's Black Spot Program and introduce ground breaking safety policy such as the alcohol interlocks program to curb drink driving.

This QTRIP demonstrates our commitment to meeting our state's transport needs. Within two days of the end of the most extreme flooding, the department had reopened 70% of the state-controlled roads to traffic. It is this level of dedication maintained throughout the next four years that will help take Queensland's transport network well into the future.



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Foreword by the Director-General

Getting on with the job is the key focus of this second \$19 billion *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program* (QTRIP).

Over the next few years, we must not only complete the largest reconstruction task in the state's history, but also continue to deliver key state and commonwealth funded projects which were gearing up or underway when flooding struck.

Following a tremendous initial response to the disaster, the next stage of long-term disaster repairs are underway, but there is a long road ahead.

QTRIP 2011-12 to 2014-15 sets out a plan to fix the 27% - or 9,170 km of our 33,347 km state-controlled road network affected by the natural disasters.

A total of \$4.2 billion has been put aside to complete the task which will include completing the repair of 89 bridges and culverts damaged and 100 land slips.

Most of the almost 5,000 km of rail track from Cairns in the far north to Mount Isa in central Queensland to Toowoomba in the south-west has already been repaired.

Down our coastline, most of the damage to the 11 Queensland ports shut down as Yasi tore through has also been repaired.

Over the next four years, Transport and Main Roads will continue to work with local government and the private sector to deliver the massive reconstruction program across Queensland.

We will work closely with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority under the joint commonwealth and state funding initiative Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) to cut red tape, get the job done and get Queensland moving again.

Crews will be hitting the highways across the state to deliver major projects such as \$125 million in the south-west for freight access along the Warrego and Landsborough Highways. There is

\$80 million for cotton industry freight access around St George. A further \$30 million is allocated for access to remote communities roads west of Charleville and Cunnamulla. Between Gin Gin and Benaraby, \$48 million of work will be carried out along a 35 km section of Bruce Highway and through Isaac, Mackay and the Whitsundays, \$40.4 million repairs are planned along 72 km of the Bruce Highway.

In fact, we were already well advanced on NDRRA flood reconstruction on sections of our transport network well before the current disasters hit.

In parts of the state, notably in the north west, Gulf Country, Cape York Peninsula and pockets of the south-west, the previous two wet seasons caused more damage than this year.

The early onset of the 2010-11 wet season further damaged infrastructure and then we were hit by the worst natural disasters in living memory, challenging us to respond and meet the emergency head on.

QTRIP 2011-12 to 2014-15 continues our response to that challenge.

While flood reconstruction is a major focus, work on other projects, large and small will continue.

Our highways are the lifeblood to our economy and our state. The maintenance of these roads is as important as their construction.

Over the four year period, we will carry out billions of dollars of work upgrading these lifelines acting as the main arteries across our state.

Between Roma and Mitchell, we are undertaking \$16 million worth of works to complete the \$40 million program to widen sections of the Warrego Highway.

On the Pacific Motorway between Springwood South and Daisy Hill, we're spending \$160 million to continue the

\$421.6 million upgrade of this section. On the Bruce Highway (Cooroy to Curra) from Sankeys Road to Traveston Road, we're spending \$147.9 million to continue the \$613 million upgrade. Farther north in Townsville, we're undertaking \$47.9 million of work to complete the \$110 million Douglas Arterial - Townsville Ring Road - bringing it to four lanes on the Bruce Highway.

In the regions and out west, we've set out dozens of projects that will make a huge difference to communities. We will seal, upgrade and widen regional roads, improve our rail lines, upgrade our regional airports and grow our bus and taxi networks.

We will continue building world-class bus, rail and cycle infrastructure to take cars off the road, and hand in hand with this, deliver more frequent, efficient public transport services.

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