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# Cunningham Highway (Ipswich – Warwick) and Ipswich – Rosewood Road intersection, business case Community update March 2024

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is committed to improving safety and reducing traffic congestion at the Cunningham Highway and Ipswich – Rosewood Road intersection, Amberley.

This intersection provides access for the community and freight as well as connecting the main access point to Australia's largest operational military air base – the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base at Amberley.

Traffic demand at the intersection exceeds the capacity of the intersection which results in significant travel delays and vehicle crashes, particularly during peak travel times.

TMR is progressing planning at the Amberley interchange as a priority and funding is allocated to develop a business case for the Cunningham Highway and Ipswich – Rosewood Road intersection (Amberley).

The planning identified two interim design options to:

- improve safety and efficiency for interstate and interregional freight vehicles
- service the high demands on the intersection including connections for the RAAF Base at Amberley.

TMR asked the local community, road users and other impacted stakeholders to provide their feedback on two proposed concept designs to significantly upgrade the intersection.

## **Shared features of both options**

- Duplicate the Cunningham Highway at Warrill Creek crossing.
- Proposed active transport component for bike riders and pedestrians around the new intersections.

#### **Option 1**

- Install a roundabout and remove the existing priority intersection at Cunningham Highway and Ipswich Rosewood Road.
- Install a new roundabout to the north of the existing four-way intersection at Heit Street, Ipswich – Rosewood Road and Southern Amberley Road.

#### **Option 2**

- Install a roundabout and remove the existing priority intersection at Cunningham Highway and Ipswich Rosewood Road.
- Install a new signalised intersection north of the existing intersection and remove the existing four-way intersection at Heit Street, Ipswich – Rosewood Road and Southern Amberley Road.





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# **Proposed active transport connection (Amberley to Yamanto)**

- Consultation also featured a possible shared path beside the Cunningham Highway from Amberley to Yamanto.
- Investigations are ongoing to the safety and cost of this concept proposal which is in addition to the proposed intersection upgrade.

# **Shared impacts**

Impacts of both options included:

- some property resumptions along the proposed active transport pathway
- access changes to residential and business properties on Oneills Road and Heit Street.

Impacts of the proposed active transport connection are still being evaluated as planning progresses. TMR is aware there has been community feedback raised about crossing of the service station driveways for instance, and detailed assessments are continuing.

# **Community consultation**

TMR undertook formal consultation for the proposed Cunningham Highway and Ipswich – Rosewood Road intersection (Amberley) between 6 June and 10 July 2022.

Consultation included distribution of a project fact sheet and survey to around 17,600 properties, three community information sessions, and meetings with elected representatives, impacted landowners, residents and businesses.







unique stakeholders including individuals, businesses and organisations provided feedback.

95% of feedback was received via the online survey



Project fact sheet and survey distributed to around **17,600** properties

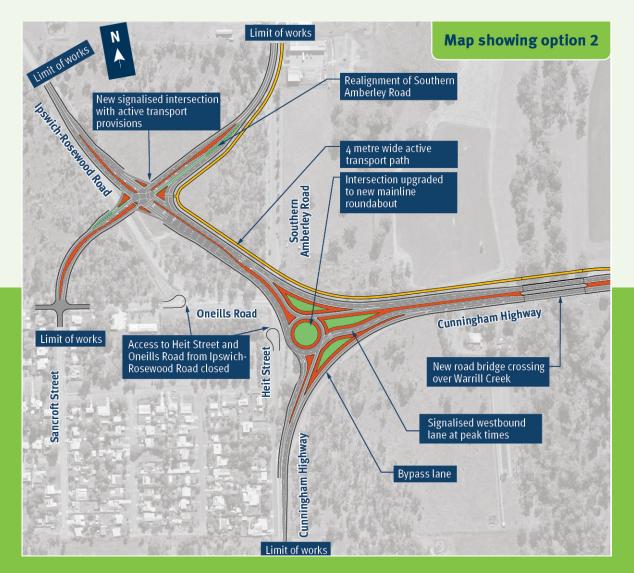


community information sessions

Feedback indicated most stakeholders preferred Option 1 however many respondents opted not to select a preferred design option.

259 (47%)	respondents selected Option 1 as a preferred design option.
58 (10%)	respondents selected Option 2 as a preferred design option.
240 (43%)	respondents opted not to select a preferred design option.

The high percentage of respondents that did not select a preferred option (43%) prompted further analysis of written feedback to identify reasons why a preferred option was not selected.



#### **Key feedback themes**

Grade	Respondents believe	
separation that a roundabout on the		
	Cunningham Highway will	
	not fix the problem and an	
	overpass or flyover is required.	

Bypass Respondents believe that the intersection needs to be bypassed as per the Cunningham Highway – Yamanto to Ebenezer (CHYE) planning project. The CHYE business case was finalised in 2012 and reviewed in 2016–2017.

HighwayRespondents believe thatduplicationthe highway needs to be<br/>duplicated between Ripley and<br/>the Ipswich – Rosewood Road<br/>intersection.

### Funding

The project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments on an 80:20 (federal:state) basis (Investment ID 1619865).

Australian Government	\$1.32 million
Queensland Government	\$330,000

No construction funding is currently allocated to deliver the upgrade of the Cunningham Highway and Ipswich – Rosewood Road intersection.

Future project stages, including design and construction, are dependent on the business case outcomes.

#### **Next steps**

After feedback from the community TMR will look into other options including a short-term safety treatment at the intersection.

TMR will continue to keep the community and stakeholders updated as the project progresses.

**Roundabouts** General concern that a roundabout on a highway will not solve the congestion issues and will cause safety issues for heavy vehicles using the roundabout.

Active transport General support provided with some concerns for safety and suggestions to extend active transport links to the RAAF Base to provide better connections.

#### **Stay informed**

The project team is committed to working closely with the community throughout the project. For more information about this project, or to register for updates, contact the project team:

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