

Kenmore Bypass Planning Study



New Gem Road planning options released!

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) has developed new planning options to maintain Gem Road as a through-road, following significant community feedback regarding the proposed separation of Gem Road by a potential future Kenmore Bypass.

In November 2008, DTMR released draft planning options for a potential Kenmore Bypass as part of Stage 2 of the Kenmore Bypass Planning Study. Under these draft options, Gem Road was shown as no longer being a through-road.

As a direct result of the feedback received in Stage 2, DTMR has now prepared three new planning options to maintain Gem Road's connectivity.

The new Gem Road options have been designed to complement the current bypass planning, while also being technically and environmentally feasible. The new options relate to connecting Gem Road only and do not substantially affect the existing planning options in any other way.

Get involved

The community is now encouraged to get involved and provide feedback on the new Gem Road options. Community feedback, together with further technical investigations, will help determine a preferred Gem Road option.

- » Visit the Kenmore Bypass Planning Study website at www.transportandmainroads.qld.gov.au Click on Main Roads, then search 'Kenmore Bypass' for more information.
- » Fill in the feedback form enclosed with this newsletter and post it to the project team.
Post: Kenmore Bypass Planning Study
Department of Transport and Main Roads
Reply Paid 70, Spring Hill Qld 4004
(no stamp required)
- » Visit the project team at one of the staffed displays (see p.4 for a list of public displays dates and locations)
- » Email your feedback to: kenmorebypass@mainroads.qld.gov.au
- » Call the community enquiry line on: 1800 422 638
- » Fax: 07 3137 8363

The community comment period for the Gem Road options closes on Monday 17 August, 2009. Don't miss your chance to provide feedback on the options.

What's been completed so far?

The planning study involves three stages:



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Gem Road connection

Three options for a Gem Road connection have been developed. These options and the key features of each option are outlined below.

Please note the option to go over the bypass where Gem Road currently runs was considered by the project team but was discounted due to the extreme grade of the area.

A 'straight over' connection would be a highly prominent structure (up to 7metres above the surface of the bypass) with an intrusive visual impact.

More detailed maps of each of the Gem Road planning options can be viewed on the project webpage at www.transportandmainroads.qld.gov.au Click on Main Roads, then search 'Kenmore Bypass'.

Option A



Key features

- » Realigning Gem Road to connect Annabel Street at Donna Street to Gem Road
- » Bridge over bypass
- » Shared pedestrian and cyclist overpass on eastern side of Gem Road
- » Section of Annabel Street between Donna Street and Gem Road would require widening to accommodate additional traffic
- » Intersection upgrades required at:
 - Annabel Street / Gem Road, and
 - Annabel Street / Donna Street
- » Approximately six additional properties impacted.

Option B



Key features

- » Realigning Gem Road crossing over the bypass via a bridge west of existing Gem Road
- » Annabel Street would no longer connect to Gem Road (alternate access via Melita Street)
- » Significant earthworks required to raise Gem Road north of bypass
- » Shared pedestrian and cyclist overpass on eastern side of Gem Road
- » Approximately eight additional properties impacted.

Option C



Key features

- » Realignment of Gem Road through Kingfisher Park
- » Underpass connects Gem Road to Sunset Road
- » Underpass dimensions approx. 90m long, 15 width, 5.5m height
- » Shared pedestrian and cyclist underpass on western side of Gem Road
- » Intersection upgrades required at:
 - Sunset Road / Twilight Street, and
 - Annabel Street / Gem Road
- » Gem Road reconfigured providing flood immunity (Q100) for Sunset Road
- » Loss of some greenspace on eastern side of Kingfisher Park
- » Approximately five additional properties impacted and park.

Background

The Kenmore Bypass Planning Study is investigating whether the three-kilometre preserved corridor between Moggill Road at Pullenvale and the Centenary Motorway at Fig Tree Pocket could provide a solution to existing congestion and safety issues on Moggill Road through Kenmore.

The Kenmore Bypass corridor has been preserved by the state government since the late 1970s.

It is important to note that while this study is necessary to plan for and manage growth in the Western Corridor, there is currently no decision or funding to build a Kenmore Bypass. There is only funding to undertake this planning study.



Public displays

You are invited to visit the public displays,

Staffed Displays

Kenmore Village - 9 Brookfield Road, Kenmore

- » Thursday 30 July 2009 - 4pm to 7pm
- » Saturday, 1 August - 10am to 1pm

Unstaffed displays

Indooroopilly Library at Indooroopilly Shopping Centre - 322 Moggill Road, Indooroopilly

- » Thursday, 30 July to Monday, 17 August

Where to from here?

After the Gem Road consultation period ends on Monday 17 August 2009, DTMR will conduct further technical and environmental investigations. These investigations, together with the community feedback received on the Gem Road planning options, will help determine a preferred Kenmore Bypass option to be presented for community comment in Stage 3, later this year.

As there is currently no funding to build a bypass, the department will complete a Preliminary Evaluation. The Preliminary Evaluation assesses the priority and affordability of the project and allows a decision to be made as to whether to invest in fully developing a Business Case for a Kenmore Bypass.

Find out more

To provide feedback on the Gem Road planning options or for more information about the study, please contact the project team:

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