

Mackay/Whitsunday Region reconstruction

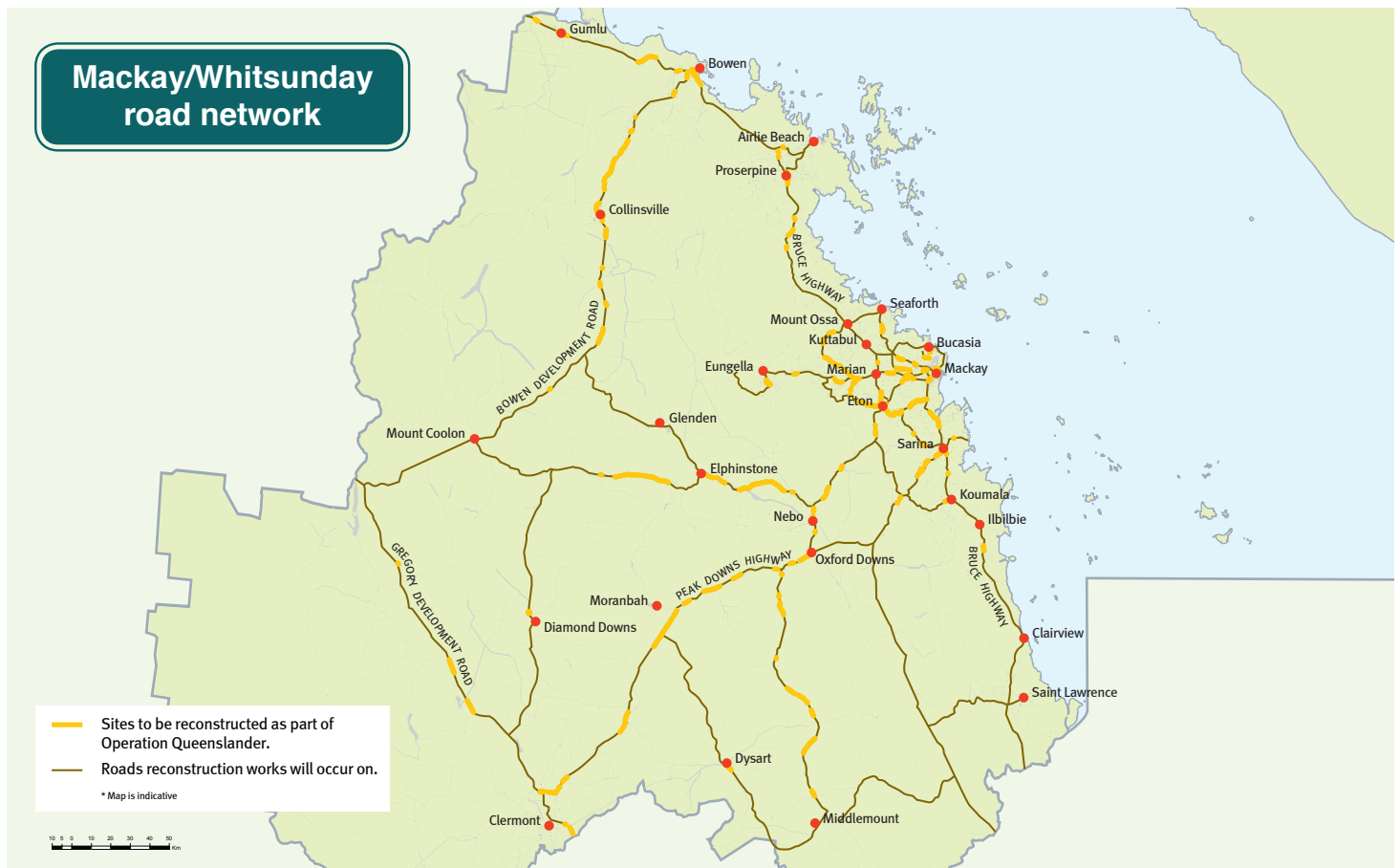
Project background

Queensland's 33,000km transport network and infrastructure has received more damage than any other state government asset during recent flooding and cyclone events. The Department of Transport and Main Roads is now focused on the massive task of returning the damaged transport network to pre-disaster condition.

Over the next few years the department will undertake over 300km of roadworks in the Mackay/Whitsunday region to restore a safe and efficient transport network.

Reconstruction works will be progressively undertaken on sections of roads and highways in the region including the Bruce Highway and Peak Downs Highway.

While the state rebuilds, there will be roadworks and changed traffic conditions across the network. We ask motorists for their patience while these important repairs take place.



Key information

Length of road being restored	About 300km across the Mackay/Whitsunday region.
Works involved	Reconstruction works will include formation repairs, pavement replacement, stabilisation and bitumen re-surfacing.
Duration of work(s)	May 2011 to mid-2014 (weather permitting).
Possible delays	Expect up to 15 minutes at each worksite.



About the program

Operation Queenslander is the largest reconstruction effort in the state's history, rebuilding communities, fixing infrastructure and restoring regional communities. The department is delivering the program under the joint federal and state government funded Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangement (NDRRA) guidelines. Under NDRRA, the federal government provides 75 per cent of the funding, with 25 per cent from the state government.

The department has assessed the extent of damage to the transport network and is currently working with industry to deliver the largest program of works in the department's history.

Description of works

The reconstruction works will occur progressively over several years on sections of state controlled roads in the region. Works will include formation repairs, pavement replacement, stabilisation and bitumen re-surfacing.

To restore the transport network, lane restrictions, diversions and delays will be required, however we will endeavour to minimise impacts where possible.

RoadTek, local councils and private contractors will undertake these works on behalf of the department.

Further information on the commencement dates, duration of works, likely disruptions and extent of works will be available as the program of work progresses.

Advice for motorists

The safety of motorists and road workers is the number one priority when delivering these works. A range of safety measures and changed traffic conditions will be implemented including:

- traffic control, electronic message signs and detours signs will be in place to direct motorists
- lane closures and single lane traffic arrangements
- temporarily reduced speed limits through worksites.

Motorists should drive to the changed conditions and obey all signage for their own safety and the safety of road workers during these works.

Motorists can expect delays and should factor in additional travel time to their journeys. Electronic message signs at work areas will provide advice about specific dates of work and expected delays.

Location of works

Reconstruction works are planned for a number of roads and highways in the Mackay/Whitsunday region including, but not limited to:

Bruce Highway	Bowen Developmental Road
Collinsville–Elphinstone Road	Crystal Brook Road
Dysart–Middlemount Road	Eimeo Road
Eton–Homebush Road	Eungella Dam Road
Fitzroy Developmental Road	Gargett–Mia Mia Road
Glenella Connection Road	Gregory–Cannon Valley Road
Gregory Developmental Road	Gregory Highway
Homebush Road	Koumala–Bolingbroke Road
Mackay–Eungella Road	Mackay Habana Road
Mackay Slade Point Road	Mia Mia Connection Road
Maraju–Yakapari Road	Marian–Eton Road
Marian–Hampden Road	Marlborough–Sarina Road
Mirani–Eton Road	Mirani–Mt Ossa Road
Mt Ossa–Seaforth Road	North Eton Road
Peak Downs Highway	Rockleigh–North Mackay Road
Sarina–Coast Road	Sarina–Homebush Road
Suttor Developmental Road	Yakapari–Habana Road
Yakapari–Seaforth Road	

Keeping the community informed

The department will keep the community informed about the progress of these works and the impacts, including expected delays, as we complete this very necessary work. As new works commence, regular notifications and updates will be provided to local communities.

To be kept informed of reconstruction works in the Mackay/Whitsunday region, please register for email updates via email or telephone. Regular updates will also be available via the **13 19 40** phone line and **www.131940.qld.gov.au**.

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Roadwork safety is your
responsibility too.**