

# Main Roads North Coast Region

## Connecting the North Coast

The State Government is spending over \$13 billion on roads in the next five years, with over \$1 billion being injected into the North Coast Region.

The Department of Main Roads' number one priority is delivery of the Roads Implementation Program (RIP). The RIP provides a clear public statement of Main Roads' intentions over the next five years for planning, building, enhancing, maintaining and operating state-controlled road infrastructure for Queensland. It is a rolling five-year program of works, with firm funding for delivery of road projects for the first two years. For the following three years, funding allocations are indicative for planning purposes. This allows for the delivery of road projects to progress smoothly and enables industry and local governments to project future business, workforce and other planning requirements.

### North Coast key challenges

The North Coast Region is one of the fastest growing areas in Queensland. Roads in the area play a vital role in supporting the local population and economy. The area's road network provides essential links for freight movements and tourism. Population growth has increased public expectations for upgraded road infrastructure especially as volumes of heavy vehicles increase in response to freight transport demand. Key challenges for the North Coast Region include:

- Managing an ageing network, particularly in the hinterland, to meet the growing needs of agricultural, tourist and industrial traffic
- Finding the most equitable and cost-effective way to balance the needs of upgrading roads with the available funding
- Managing the needs of rapidly growing urban and provincial centre as well as rural communities
- Managing an increase in congestion driven by rapid population growth, urban expansion and a high level of dependency on cars
- Meeting road construction and maintenance challenges due to resourcing issues and climatic events.

### North Coast construction activities

The North Coast Region is on track with the delivery of a number of major road construction projects including:

- Sunshine Motorway Upgrade
  - Sippy Downs Drive to Kawana Way
  - Maroochydore Road to David Low Way
  - Pacific Paradise Bypass
- Maroochydore Road Upgrade
- Caloundra Road Upgrade
- Caloundra - Mooloolaba Road Construction
- Bruce Highway Upgrade (Uhlmann Road to Caboolture)
- Beerburrum Road Upgrade.



## Sunshine Motorway Upgrade

**What's involved in building a road?**

The condition and extent of our road network is a frequent conversation topic. However, some motorists may not realise there may be considerable lead time needed before roadworks begin. The process of building a new road or upgrading an existing road involves several steps.

**Concept Planning**

In the concept stage, engineers, geologists, planners and environmental scientists work together to confirm the need for the project and to complete traffic, geotechnical, environmental, flooding and other studies as appropriate. A number of project options are usually developed (for example, possible locations for a new road or the work required to upgrade an existing road). The preferred solution is identified by assessing the available options against wide ranging criteria.

The concept stage can happen many years ahead of construction and may involve working with local government, other planning and environmental authorities, community and industry groups and in some cases, the Federal Government.

**Detailed Planning**

Detailed planning can take between one and five years depending on the complexity of the project. During this stage, planners develop further details of the project such as the intersection layouts and locations for bridges and major culverts. Where required, environmental approvals are sought and if a project requires acquisition of land, the resumption process is usually initiated at this stage.

It is during the concept and detailed planning stages that planners consider factors such as the availability of suitable materials for the project and the impacts of the road proposal on nearby homes or businesses.

**Design**

Project design involves finalising all aspects of the road project and producing drawings and specifications for construction. Pavement and drainage designs are completed and details produced for signs and linemarking arrangements, landscaping treatments, bridges and culverts and electrical installations such as traffic signals and lighting. For a complex project, design may take up to two years.

**Construction**

Once a construction contract has been awarded, the first step is to clear the site. Topsoil is removed to provide a sound base for road embankment and is often stockpiled for later use in landscaping the site. Pavements are laid in layers, either gravel, concrete or asphalt, with the depth defined by the design and depending on subsoil conditions and forecast traffic loadings.

Where road construction needs to occur near existing traffic, roadworkers erect appropriate signage, barriers, and where necessary, temporary sidetracks to ensure the safety of motorists and workers and to keep traffic moving. On a complex project, numerous changes to traffic arrangements may be needed during construction.

Even with the best planning, there are many reasons why road projects can be delayed. These include property resumptions, funding availability, environmental or other approval processes and during construction, weather conditions and the availability of equipment and materials.

**Stage 1  
now open  
to traffic**

**Stage 1 of the \$19 million Dixon/Claymore Road interchange was successfully opened to traffic in mid February.**

Motorists now have improved access to the University of the Sunshine Coast, Chancellor State College and the Sippy Downs community directly from the Sunshine Motorway.

These works follow the opening of the four laning of the Sunshine Motorway between Sippy Downs Drive and Kawana Way in July 2007.

Main Roads and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council have worked together to deliver:

- new on and off ramps to the westbound carriageway of the Sunshine Motorway
- a new four lane realignment of Sippy Downs Drive
- improved access to Chancellor State College and the University Sports Precinct from a new roundabout on Sippy Downs Drive
- an extension of the cycle path network around Chancellor State College.



These works have resulted in reduced congestion and quicker travel times around the Sippy Downs education precinct.

The opening of Stage 1 was timed to coincide with the start of the 2008 academic year.

**Community involvement**

The project team would like to thank the local community for your positive feedback following the opening of Stage 1 works.

Your patience and cooperation during the construction phase is much appreciated.

We will continue to keep you regularly updated on works during the remainder of the construction period.

**Project Team**

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Department of Main Roads

**Interchange Contractor:**

RoadTek

**Motorway Duplication Contractor:**

Basic Construction Services

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# Sunshine Motorway Upgrade

## What's next?

Construction of the new interchange has now entered its final stage and is on track for completion mid year.

Stage 2 involves:

- completing the interchange bridge across the motorway linking Claymore and Dixon roads
- completing the new on and off ramps to the eastbound carriageway of the Sunshine Motorway
- commissioning traffic signals at the intersection of Sippy Downs Drive and Claymore Road
- completing the pedestrian and cycle path link to Dixon Road
- landscaping the interchange and Sippy Downs Drive.

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council will complete the following works concurrently:

- the four laning of Sippy Downs Drive along the frontage of Chancellor State College
- the link between the interchange and Dixon Road.

When complete, the interchange will provide a valuable link in the road network servicing the Sippy Downs community.

It will connect Sippy Downs Drive directly to the Sunshine Motorway, for both eastbound and westbound traffic, and provide an important connection for the communities of Buderim and Sippy Downs.



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## The new Maroochydore Road interchange

The new Maroochydore Road interchange has been redesigned to improve road user safety and to handle future traffic growth in the region.

The existing roundabout is nearing capacity and is no longer able to cope adequately and safely with the region's growing traffic needs.

To address these issues a complete redesign was required rather than simply upgrading the existing roundabout.

The new design (illustrated below) incorporates:

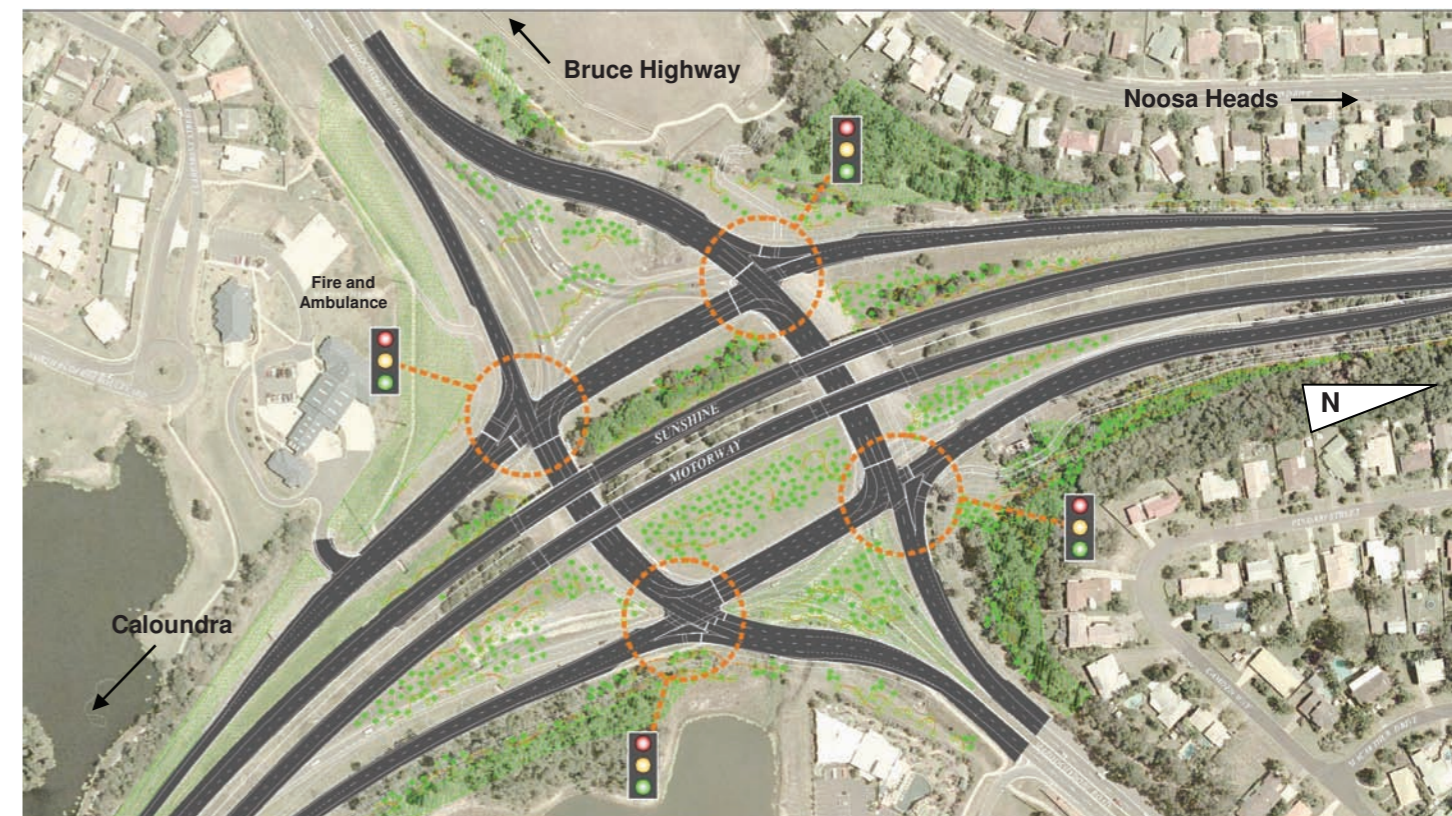
- two bridges for the duplication of the motorway over Maroochydore Road
- four sets of coordinated traffic signals, phased to provide for pedestrian movements

- two lanes of traffic in each direction along Maroochydore Road
- two right turn lanes from each entry point to the interchange
- links to the local cycle network and to a new cycle path between Maroochydore Road and Maroochy River bridge
- architectural finishes and landscaping to enhance the visual appearance of the interchange.

Over the next two months works will concentrate on duplicating the motorway over Maroochydore Road, which will then be open to traffic by mid year.

Concurrent to these works construction will continue on laying pavements and installing traffic signals to complete the new interchange.

Work is on schedule to meet the State Government's commitment to complete works by the end of this year.



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## Maroochy River bridge upgrade on schedule

Good progress continues to be made on the widening of the original Maroochy River bridge, following the successful opening of its twin in December.

The opening of the new Maroochy River bridge on Saturday 8 December 2007 attracted over 5 000 people, including many who had traversed the first bridge when it opened in 1990.

Motorists are already enjoying the benefits of the additional capacity of the new bridge, which is temporarily operating with two lanes southbound and one lane northbound. This arrangement has significantly reduced congestion for southbound traffic in the morning peak.

Work on the original bridge involves widening the deck from two to three lanes and providing a visual profile to match the new bridge.

With 50 percent of the widening complete the project is on schedule for opening later this year.



Widening work on the original Maroochy River bridge progresses

### Noise barriers take shape

Main Roads is installing noise barriers along several sections of the Sunshine Motorway as part of its environmental program for the duplication of the motorway.

By the end of this month noise barriers will be completed along the boundaries of Regents Landing and Tallow Wood Drive. Already landscaping has been undertaken at Regents Landing to improve the visual aspect for residents.

Noise barriers along Maroochy Waters Drive will be finalised towards the end of May, weather permitting. As the southern approach to the Maroochy River bridge is completed, noise barriers will be installed to provide protection to the Maroochy River Caravan Park.

Barrier facings will be given an attractive finish supplemented by landscaping to enhance the visual appearance of the road.

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### Bridge naming competition

The bridge naming competition started in December 2007 as part of the new Maroochy River bridge opening celebrations.

Entries closed on 15 February 2008.

Over 300 nominations were received from the local community.

Main Roads has formed a panel of community representatives to assess competition entries and make a recommendation.

An announcement is expected within the next two months.

## Pacific Paradise bypass well underway

Work on the State Government's \$85 million Pacific Paradise bypass is now well underway with all contractors established on site.

This project is part of the \$290 million Sunshine Motorway Upgrade, which forms part of the South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program aimed at providing improved infrastructure for the development of the Sunshine Coast.

The new bypass involves duplicating a section of the Sunshine Motorway over the David Low Way and constructing a new northern bypass at Pacific Paradise linking the Sunshine Motorway to the Sunshine Coast Airport.

When complete, this bypass will divert through traffic away from the centre of Pacific Paradise, alleviating congestion and improving safety for the local community.

Construction of the new bypass commenced in December 2007 with the appointment of Basic Constructions for the road works component of the project, and ARK/Bellerio Joint Venture for the bridge works.



Constructing the new northern bypass at Pacific Paradise

Good progress has been made in spite of 680mm of rain recorded on site since construction commenced.

At the new bridges at the David Low Way interchange piled foundations are complete, with pier construction well advanced in readiness for deck erection next month. These bridges will extend the duplication of the motorway to the new bypass.

Pile driving for the two bypass bridges are now complete with construction of the bridge piers scheduled over the next three months.

Good progress is also being made on the associated roadworks with earthworks now 80 percent complete.

Work over the next two months will concentrate on completing the remaining earthworks and installing drainage structures.

It is expected that work on the Pacific Paradise bypass will be finished by the end of this year subject to weather conditions.



Left: Completed bridge piers at the David Low Way interchange

Far left: the David Low Way interchange looking north to the new Pacific Paradise bypass

# Sunshine Motorway Upgrade

# Maroochydore Road Upgrade

## Planning now complete for new airport access

Main Roads is looking forward to working closely with the new Sunshine Coast Regional Council to improve access to the Sunshine Coast Airport.

The airport has experienced significant growth in passenger numbers accelerated in recent years with the introduction of low cost carriers.

Work is already underway on the four lane bypass of Pacific Paradise which will provide a fast and efficient link to the airport from the Sunshine Motorway.

Under this scheme the airport will be provided with a new four lane road, to replace the existing entrance at Friendship Avenue which is experiencing considerable congestion.

A new four way signalised intersection will be created on David Low Way to service the new four lane road to the terminal area.

The project will require the closure of the existing Runway Drive access from the David Low Way with alternative access being provided off the new airport road.

Work on this project is expected to commence this month.

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## New Maroochydore Road well underway

With the four laning through Kunda Park complete, work is progressing well to upgrade Maroochydore Road from the Bruce Highway to Pike Street.

The \$90 million project is part of the South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program to improve access to the rapidly growing commercial centre in Maroochydore.

This stage of the project involves:

- re-routing a 3.8km section of Maroochydore Road between the Bruce Highway and Pike Street
- providing a four lane dual carriageway road with higher flood immunity
- constructing a grade-separated interchange at Sandalwood Lane and Stark Lane
- constructing new bridges over Eudlo Creek
- constructing an overpass at Titree Road.

The existing road will remain in place for local traffic and will include connections to the new road at Pike Street, Sandalwood Lane and Stark Lane.

Construction of the new road started in June 2006 by contractors, Fulton Hogan. Work has been progressing well even with the ongoing wet weather since project commencement.

Final span of Eudlo Creek bridge being placed



Priming of final layer of pavement prior to sealing and asphalt works

Culverts, bridges and earthworks for the new four lane dual carriageway are almost complete. Construction of pavement and laying of asphalt has commenced in many areas and will continue over the coming months.

Other upcoming works include:

- completion of Titree Road overpass
- completion of Sandalwood/Stark Lane interchange
- completion of drainage and landscaping work
- installation of guardrail and streetlights
- installation of a wire rope safety fence in the central median.

It is expected that the new road will be open to traffic later this year. When complete, the upgrade will improve safety, reduce congestion, improve flood immunity and cater for future growth in the region.

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### Eumundi-Kenilworth Road

### Caloundra Road Upgrade

## Road safety number one priority

The Department of Main Roads is continuing with additional maintenance work on the Eumundi-Kenilworth Road.

In July 2007, Main Roads allocated an additional \$1.5 million towards maintenance work on Eumundi-Kenilworth Road to help preserve the surface of the road and provide safety improvements.

Work commenced in September 2007 on the following maintenance activities:

- drainage work to improve water run-off
- vegetation clearing to improve visibility
- pavement repairs to improve safety.

The remaining works include pavement strengthening treatments on approximately 6.5km of the worst sections of road, including a gravel overlay and cement stabilisation followed by a bitumen seal.

The \$1.5 million is in addition to the ongoing routine maintenance expenditure on Eumundi-Kenilworth Road which includes pothole patching and pavement repairs.



#### Safer Roads Sooner

As part of the Safer Roads Sooner Program, the department is improving road delineation and route signage on various sections of this road.

To date, work has included:

- upgrades to school bus signage, vegetation clearing and embankment reshaping to increase visibility at school bus stops
- installation of a permanent 80km/h speed zone in place of the existing 80km/h school zone
- installation of a warning sign on the Browns Road approach, advising motorists of the single lane and narrow bridge
- installation of a give way sign at the Cedar Creek Road intersection.

Additional road delineation and route signage work will be carried out following pavement strengthening work, including raised pavement markers along the centre line.

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#### Belli Creek Crossing No. 2

Main Roads is on track to commence a \$10.4 million upgrade of Belli Creek Crossing No. 2 in mid 2008.

This project will involve:

- replacing the existing timber bridge with a concrete structure
- strengthening and widening the existing bridge approaches
- improving Buckyby Road, Browns Road and Lockes Lane intersections.

Construction is expected to be finished in mid 2009.

#### Archer Road to Belli Creek Crossing No. 1

Planning has also started on a project to rehabilitate and widen a 1.2km section of Eumundi-Kenilworth Road between Archer Road and Belli Creek Crossing No. 1.

Construction of this project is expected to start in mid 2009.

## Caloundra Road upgrade underway

Work on the \$80 million four lane upgrade of Caloundra Road from the Bruce Highway to Pierce Avenue is progressing.

The upgrade aims to improve safety and increase the capacity of this section of Caloundra Road by providing:

- 4km of new four lane, dual carriageway road to complete the four laning of Caloundra Road
- a grade-separated interchange at Racecourse Road
- an overbridge to connect the local access road over the top of the main road near Jordan Street
- a roundabout at the intersection with the new Caloundra-Mooloolaba Road.

Despite the site receiving 2 200mm of rain since construction started in late 2006, FRH Group has made good progress and is on track for project completion in early 2009.

Works to provide early access to the State Government's Caloundra Regional Business and Industry Park at Racecourse Road were completed in late 2007, prior to the opening of the estate.

Traffic was recently switched from the existing Caloundra Road to the future westbound carriageway through the major cutting. The major cutting is providing embankment material for other parts of the upgrade, as well as for the Caloundra-Mooloolaba Road project.

Embankment and drainage works have been accelerated on the western portion of the project.

Works at the southern access road overbridge are also continuing with bridge girders for both spans in place and construction of the concrete deck slab underway. Abutments and piers for the Racecourse Road interchange overbridge have been completed and the bridge deck is currently being installed.

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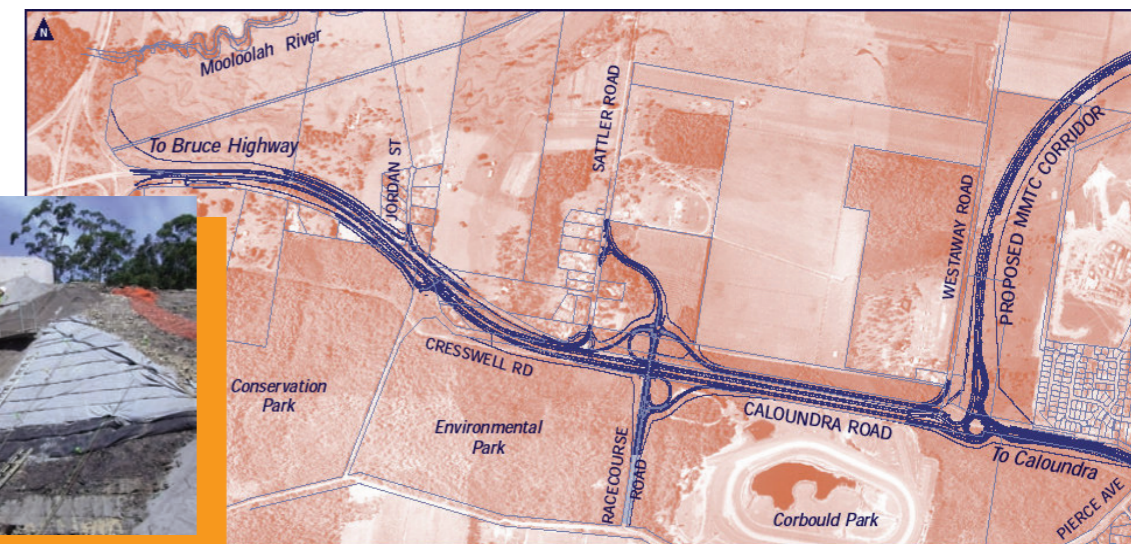
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Below: Slope protection works to southern service road bridge abutment



## Caloundra-Mooloolaba Road

### Caloundra-Mooloolaba Road is progressing

Construction of the \$75 million two lane Caloundra-Mooloolaba Road from Caloundra Road to Creekside Boulevard is well underway.

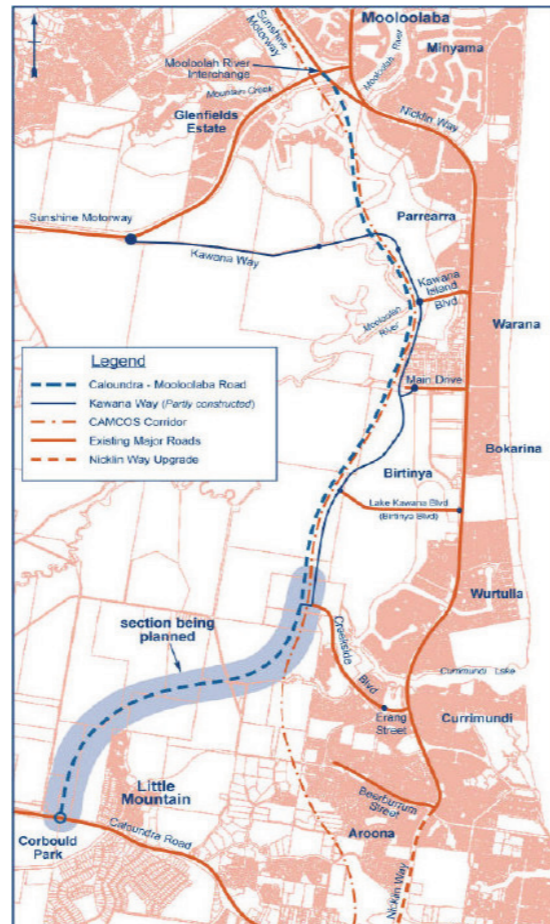
The new road fits within the Multi Modal Transport Corridor (MMTC). Initially it will be a two lane connection from Caloundra Road near Corbould Park to the Kawana Way at Creekside Boulevard. Provision has been made for future upgrading to four and six lanes.

Construction of this southern section of Caloundra-Mooloolaba Road is on track for completion in early 2009, weather permitting. Similar to the Caloundra Road upgrade, since construction started in late 2006, the site has received more than 2 200mm of rain. The project is located on low-lying land and each rain event impacts on the contractor's access to the site and on the construction program.

FRH Group is working hard to complete the project by early 2009, coinciding with the Caloundra Road upgrade. The project is being constructed with the Caloundra Road upgrade to make effective use of the surplus material on Caloundra Road in the embankments on Caloundra-Mooloolaba Road.

Progress to date includes the completion of two early works contracts for pre-load earthworks, the link to Caloundra Road and the intersection at Creekside Boulevard. A temporary access road for Meridan Way was also opened to traffic late last year to provide access to the properties at the northern end of Meridan Way, until the overpass bridge is completed.

Construction of the bridge decking and concrete surfacing is underway on the three bridges on the Caloundra-Mooloolaba Road. Work on the major 250m Sunset Drive/Meridan Way bridge across the Caloundra-Mooloolaba Road has also started. Work on this overbridge and associated roadworks will be completed in conjunction with the main roadworks in early 2009.



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## Bruce Highway Upgrade

Construction of the final stage of the Bruce Highway upgrade from the Gateway Motorway to Caboolture is underway.

This construction project is the final stage of the Federal Government's \$361.3 million commitment to upgrade the Bruce Highway from four to six lanes from the Gateway Motorway to Caboolture.

Construction of this stage began in December 2007 and includes:

- upgrading the existing four lane highway to a six lane standard
- major upgrading of the Caboolture-Bribie Island interchange
- widening of the Captain Whish Bridges over the Caboolture River.

The construction of the Caboolture bypass interchange with the Bruce Highway was completed late last year to coincide with the opening of the bypass.

The Bruce Highway upgrade will improve transport efficiency, reduce congestion, improve safety and allow for continued growth in one of the fastest growing areas of the state.

Main Roads expects this project will be completed by early 2009.

#### New and innovative process used...

The Bruce Highway upgrade is being delivered under an Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) arrangement. The ECI process is an innovative design and construction delivery method that allows for the selection of the most suitable contractor based on experience and track record.

Key benefits of the ECI delivery process include the ability to appoint a contractor at an early stage of the project. This allows for the project design to incorporate the contractor's specific delivery options and any innovative ideas into the design. Using this process, Main Roads can deliver the project considerably earlier than by using a conventional design then construct method.



#### Did you know?

- The Bruce Highway is Queensland's primary arterial road, linking coastal cities between Brisbane and Cairns.
- The Bruce Highway currently carries over 9 million tonnes of freight every year.
- The section of highway from Uhlmann Road to Caboolture currently carries over 76 000 vehicles per day, with 12 percent of these being commercial vehicles.

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## Beerburrum Road Upgrade

The Department of Main Roads is well on the way to completing the project to four lane Beerburrum Road from Pumicestone Road to Hasking Street.

This construction project is vital to ensure future traffic volumes in the growing township of Caboolture are catered for. This project will reduce congestion and improve safety for all road users.

The project is being constructed in two stages and involves:

- upgrading the existing two lane road to a four lane standard
- constructing two new concrete bridges over Lagoon Creek
- upgrading and signalling the Bertha Street intersection
- upgrading the McKean Street intersection
- upgrading and extending the signalised pedestrian crossing at St Peter's School, to provide improved safety for students
- providing extensive drainage to improve flood immunity
- installing a Gross Pollutant Trap to improve the quality of water being discharged into Lagoon Creek.

Stage 1 of the upgrade including the McKean Street and Hensell Road intersections, was completed in December 2007 and Main Roads expects construction of Stage 2 to be complete by mid 2008, weather permitting.

When complete, this project will link the centre of Caboolture at King Street, to the Caboolture bypass.

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### Caboolture bypass open to traffic!

The recently completed Caboolture bypass was opened to traffic in December 2007.

Main Roads held an event to celebrate the completion of this important link road, inviting the community to walk the Caboolture bypass showgrounds bridge.

Initial traffic counts indicate that just over 9 000 vehicles per day are using the bypass, with about 15 percent commercial vehicle usage.

This safe, high speed connection between the D'Aguiar and Bruce highways has increased road freight efficiency and access.

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### North Coast planning activities

The North Coast Region is planning for the future with a number of major road planning and design projects underway:

- Bruce Highway (Cooroy to Curra) Strategic Planning Study
- Bruce Highway (Gympie) Upgrade – Stages 2 and 3
- Sunshine Motorway/Emu Mountain Road Planning Study
- Eumundi-Kenilworth Road
- Multi Modal Transport Corridor
- Steve Irwin Way Planning Study
- Caboolture-Bribie Island Road
- Deception Bay Road (Bruce Highway to Lipscombe Road)
- Morayfield Road (Bruce Highway to Gaffield Street).

### North Coast maintenance activities

Main Roads carries out maintenance activities under Road Maintenance Performance Contracts (RMPC). To ensure best value for the community, Main Roads requires RMPC contractors to prioritise works, with safety issues given the highest priority and appearance activities, such as landscape maintenance and litter collection, being given a lower priority.

Over the past months the North Coast Region has received significant rainfall. As expected with any prolonged rain period this has had an impact on the road network. Main Roads maintenance contractors regularly inspect the state-controlled road network and perform maintenance as required. During periods of wet weather, necessary pothole patching or maintenance is carried out as soon as practical to maintain a safe driving environment for motorists.

### Main Roads is committed to safe roadworks

Safety at roadworks is a high priority for Main Roads as the department delivers over \$13 billion of road projects over the next five years, to meet the needs of a growing population, increasing vehicle numbers and strong economic growth.

Roadworks are a necessary part of Queensland's long-term investment in the future. With increased road construction comes more roadworks.

Roadworks can be dangerous places at the best of times. Few workplaces present as many risks as do roadwork sites.

For Main Roads, workplace health and safety is at the core of operating and maintaining a safe road network. So too is the safety of motorists.

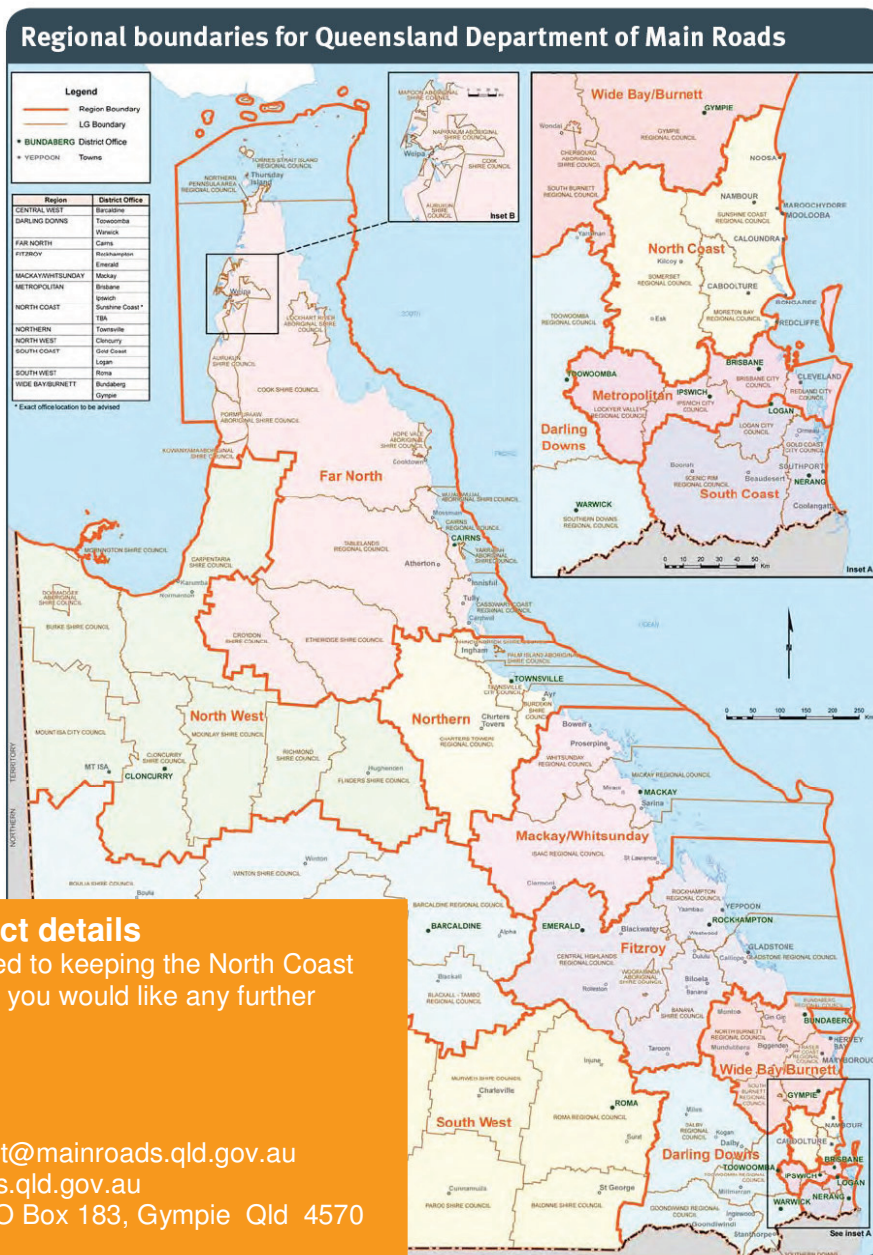


## Main Roads regional structure changes

Main Roads will continue to connect Queensland through a new regional structure with 12 geographic regions serviced by 18 district offices.

A new North Coast Region, based on the Sunshine Coast, Somerset and Moreton Bay Regional Councils, will be serviced by district offices on the Sunshine Coast and in the Moreton Bay Regional Council area. Our new offices mean more points of contact for communities, industry and business to connect with the department.

The changes align with the new local government boundaries that came into effect on 15 March 2008. The changes are part of our ongoing commitment to contributing to Queensland's strong economic growth and quality of life.



### North Coast contact details

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