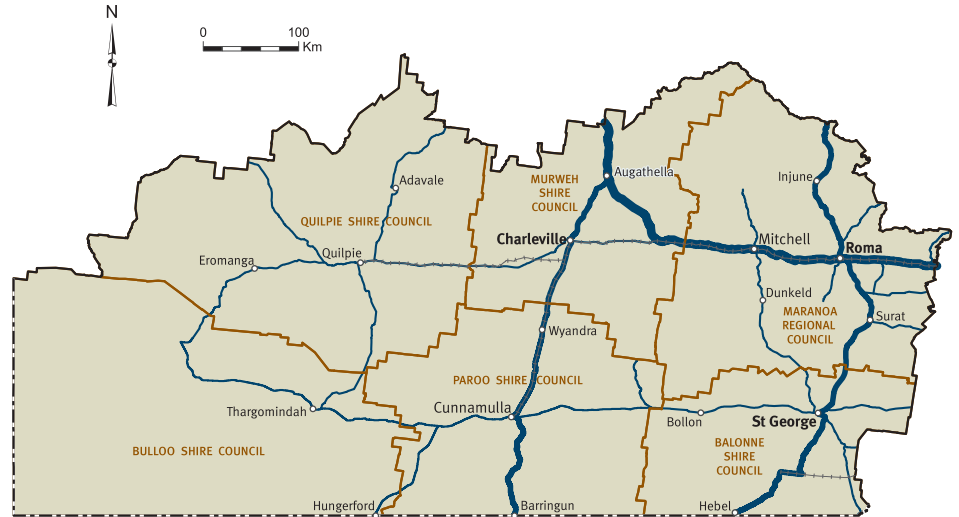
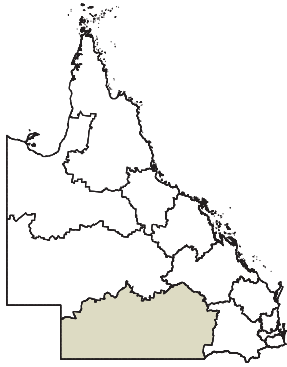








South West Road Facts

2010-11



- Legend**
-  National road network
 -  State strategic road network
 -  State regional and other district road
 -  National rail network
 -  Other railway
 -  Local government boundary

Sunset in Roma



Area profile

- Area:** 319 848km², extending from Roma and St George in the east to the South Australian border in the west, and from Augathella in the north to Barringun on the New South Wales border in the south.
- Population:** Around 26 161.
- Industries:** Coal, oil, gas, grain, cotton, sheep, cattle, tourism, freight.

Connecting South West

Transport and Main Roads services the state-controlled road network in Queensland. The department's Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2010-11 to 2013-14, outlines what the department is doing in the South West Region of Queensland, now and in the future. The department's Roma Office is the main point of contact for residents, industry and business to connect with Transport and Main Roads and learn more about what is happening in the area. State road projects in and around the South West Region are funded by the Queensland Government and the Federal Government. In the current roads program, the Queensland Government is investing over \$39 million in the region (including almost \$3.2 million in Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme projects), and the Federal Government is contributing around \$20 million.



Country parade, Roma

Road network

- Landsborough Highway (Morven - Augathella)
- Landsborough Highway (Augathella - Tambo)
- Warrego Highway (Miles - Roma)
- Warrego Highway (Roma - Mitchell)
- Warrego Highway (Mitchell - Morven)
- Warrego Highway (Morven - Charleville)
- Mitchell Highway (Barrington - Cunnamulla)
- Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)
- Mitchell Highway (Charleville - Augathella)
- Carnarvon Highway (Mungindi - St George)
- Carnarvon Highway (St George - Surat)
- Carnarvon Highway (Surat - Roma)
- Carnarvon Highway (Roma - Injune)
- Carnarvon Highway (Injune - Rolleston)
- Barwon Highway (Talwood - Nindigully)
- Roma-Condamine Road (Roma - Condamine)
- Wallumbilla South Road
- Moonie Highway (St George - Westmar)
- Roma-Southern Road
- Mitchell-St George Road
- Bollon-Charleville Road
- Balonne Highway (St George - Bollon)
- Balonne Highway (Bollon - Cunnamulla)
- Castlereagh Highway (St George - Hebel)
- Jackson-Wandoan Road
- Roma-Taroom Road
- Mitchell-Forest Vale Road
- Hungerford Road (Eulo - Hungerford)
- Quilpie-Thargomindah Road
- Quilpie-Adavale Road
- Blackall-Adavale Road
- Cooper Developmental Road (Quilpie - Eromanga - Bundeena)
- Surat Developmental Road (Surat - Tara)
- Diamantina Developmental Road (Charleville - Quilpie)
- Diamantina Developmental Road (Quilpie - Windorah)
- Bulloo Developmental Road (Cunnamulla - Thargomindah)
- Bulloo Developmental Road (Thargomindah - Bundeena)

South West road activities

Significant achievements in 2009-10

Effective, efficient and sustainable transport system

- Continued progressive widening and sealing of the Carnarvon Highway between Injune and Rolleston to improve safety for all road users and freight efficiency for interstate and intrastate transport operators travelling to Central and Northern Queensland. Works include widening and sealing 8.5km of road to a width of 8m.
- Continued paving and sealing of the Roma to Taroom Road to improve safety and provide an all-weather link for the majority of the route which supports oil and gas industries, and a vital link for the livestock industry. This project is being delivered by Maranoa Regional Council, Banana Shire Council and RoadTek.

Safe transport system promoting health and well-being

- Completed upgrading of five intersections in Roma to improve safety and traffic efficiency along the Warrego and Carnarvon Highways.

Transport-related impacts on the natural, cultural and built environments managed

- Completed construction and road alignment of the \$15.8m Meecha Bridge over the Ward River on Diamantina Developmental Road between Charleville and Quilpie. The higher and wider bridge replaces two older bridges and improves safety and visibility for road users.
- Completed construction of the \$4.7m Annie Switzer Bridge and approaches over Angellala Creek about 21km from Morven on the Warrego Highway. The bridge was widened and strengthened to improve safety and allow additional space for Type 2 (three-trailer) road trains in the future.



Road trains travelling through roadworks on the Warrego Highway between Roma and Mitchell

Key deliverables in 2010-11 and 2011-12

A sustainable transport system which promotes economic growth and enhances liveability

- Commence widening sections of the Warrego Highway between Roma and Mitchell to improve safety and accommodate Type 2 road trains.
- Continue progressive widening of the Carnarvon Highway between Injune and Rolleston to improve safety for all road users and freight efficiency for interstate and intrastate transport operators travelling to Central and Northern Queensland.
- Commence widening and rehabilitation of sections of the Carnarvon Highway between St George and Surat to improve safety and boost freight efficiency. Works include widening to 8.6m and rehabilitation of 7.8km between St George and Surat.

A transport system leading to improved health and well-being for Queenslanders

- Commence progressive widening of Castlereagh Highway to improve safety for all road users. Works include widening 5.6km between St George and Hebel to 9m.
- Commence construction of upgrade of the Diamantina Developmental Road (Quilpie - Windorah) to improve safety and widen existing road seal from 3.5m to 8m.



Major challenges for South West

- Maintaining and managing an ageing road network in an efficient and cost-effective manner to meet current and projected community and industry needs in the South West Region where there is a dispersed population and where long distance travel is required to access services.
- Supporting regional development and growth by upgrading/maintaining key freight routes to meet the transport needs of industries such as tourism, pastoral, grain growing and oil and gas activities in regional and rural areas.
- Managing the impacts of an increasing volume of heavy vehicles on the network including providing and/or upgrading heavy vehicle stopping areas to combat driver fatigue and facilitate safe and efficient movement of goods and services.
- Collaborate with other government agencies and stakeholders to identify and implement transport infrastructure strategies that meet current and future regional needs.
- Continuing to work in partnership with local government to develop and deliver Transport Infrastructure Development Schemes that will contribute to linking rural and remote areas to regional centres.
- Maintaining and enhancing environmental values of the region.



How to find out more

To find out more, the department's website has up-to-date information on current and future projects, roadworks and road closures, web cameras and how communities and interested citizens can be involved in community engagement activities.

Please visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au or contact a local Transport and Main Roads office.

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