

Transport and Main Roads
Queensland Transport and Roads
Investment Program

2012–13 to 2015–16

Foreword by the Premier and Minister

The third edition of the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program* (QTRIP) details the current transport and roads projects that the Department of Transport and Main Roads plans to deliver over the next four years.

In line with the Queensland Government's priorities to identify savings and reduce government debt, this year's QTRIP represents a return to responsible government aimed at restoring a sound fiscal position. The Queensland Government is focussed on delivering better infrastructure and better planning. We are getting back to basics, delivering the right project, at the right time, for the best value for money.

Our aim is to preserve and maintain the wider transport network for the safety of the travelling public and operators who deliver essential services to regional communities and high growth areas. This QTRIP includes projects from the Australian Government's Nation Building Program and the Regional Infrastructure Fund as well as the state's election commitments.

Over the next four years, the Queensland and Australian Governments are investing \$17.8 billion in transport infrastructure across the state, including \$3.87 billion towards reconstruction works. The past few years have seen natural disasters damage our transport network. While much of the reconstruction works have been delivered, ongoing works are incorporated in this program through the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), a joint federal and state initiative.

This QTRIP also includes discrete projects from the Roads to Resources component of the Royalties for the Regions initiative. Roads to Resources provides improved road infrastructure to regions that are being impacted by the resources sector. This ensures that high quality infrastructure is available to support the economic growth of these regions.

We have committed \$200 million over the next four years as part of the Queensland Government's additional \$1 billion commitment over 10 years to fix the Bruce Highway. This funding commitment is subject to matching extra commitment from

the Australian Government over and above its current level of investment.

The Queensland Rail infrastructure program is allocated approximately \$2.9 billion across the state to improve our rail network and support increasing rail services.

We are also improving safety and reducing congestion at rail crossings by investing \$124 million in road bridges at Bracken Ridge and Geebung, a joint initiative with local council.

Marine infrastructure will see \$125 million for projects such as targeted channel deepening at the Cairns Trinity Inlet and the Gold Coast Broadwater to improve marine access.

Schools throughout Queensland will be safer benefiting from the roll out of flashing lights at school zones to improve the visibility of the speed limit at a total cost of \$10 million.

To get more people on public transport, we are improving the reliability, affordability and frequency of public transport services. We are committed to reducing planned transport fare hikes and continuing the go card nine trip incentive with free travel after nine journeys weekly.

As we move closer to the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, we're continuing with the \$1.296 billion Gold Coast Rapid Transit light rail project between Southport and Broadbeach, as committed to in the Games bid to assist moving people efficiently during the Games and into the future.

Over the next four years, we are dedicated to enhancing and maintaining infrastructure that supports the safe and efficient movement of people as well as goods and services throughout the state.

This QTRIP represents a program developed to ensure that proposed spending can be fully funded from the state's current revenue. It is a responsible and affordable program to address the Queensland Government's priorities to maintain existing

transport networks at a safe and efficient level, continue to repair infrastructure damaged in recent natural disasters, and focus new infrastructure in areas of greatest need. It is a QTRIP designed for one purpose – to get Queensland back on track.



Honourable Campbell Newman MP

Premier

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Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Foreword by the Director-General

Since the machinery of government changes on 30 March 2012, the Premier announced whole of government restructuring to deliver the most efficient outcomes for the people of Queensland. As a result the Department of Transport and Main Roads has narrowed its focus and has a very clear mandate “to deliver road, rail, freight and port infrastructure, and to regulate those that use it.”

The *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program* (QTRIP) is the Department of Transport and Main Roads’ commitment to the people of Queensland to deliver. Underpinning this commitment to deliver are the department’s key principles of approach:

- a commitment to excellence in everything we do
- a commitment to achieving best value outcomes for Queensland
- a commitment to promoting technical excellence and innovation
- a commitment to re-engineering our regions.

The QTRIP provides certainty for industry. It is this certainty that will foster technical innovation and provide confidence to the construction and transport sectors, in turn building a strong, sustainable Queensland economy.

Over the next four years, this QTRIP outlines a program of works dedicated to delivering better infrastructure and planning to improve the quality of our roads, bridges, railways, marine infrastructure and public transport solutions.

Some of the key projects include:

- \$66 million in 2012-13 funded by the Australian, state and local governments for the \$1.147 billion Moreton Bay Rail Link project to provide a rail line between Petrie and Kippa-Ring

- \$60.6 million in 2012-13, jointly funded by the Australian Government and Queensland Government will see progression of the \$513 million project to construct the Bruce Highway to a new four-lane standard between Sankeys Road and Traveston Road between Brisbane and Gympie
- \$55.1 million in 2012-13, jointly funded by the Australian Government and Queensland Government, for the \$93.4 million improvements to the Warrego Highway and Brisbane Valley Highway intersection at Blacksoil
- \$37.5 million in 2012-13 to continue making passenger waiting environments at stations safe, comfortable and easy to use across south-east Queensland

In addition to delivering priority projects, the department will prioritise the preservation and maintenance of our transport and road assets. The department manages 33,328km of roads, 7000 bridges and major culverts, 28.65km of busways, 457 recreational boating infrastructure assets and owns the rail corridor that supports around 10,000km of rail infrastructure. Maintenance programs will be targeted to ensure intervention delivers the best value technical outcomes for Queensland’s transport assets.

You will note in this year’s QTRIP, there are some changes, consistent with narrowing our focus; for example, the addendum (a detailed program of works on local government roads) is no longer included in this publication.

The department remains strongly committed to working collaboratively with local governments through the Roads Alliance. Further consultation will be undertaken with Regional Roads Groups to finalise allocations for the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS).

The department is currently undergoing reforms which include the re-engineering of some of our regions to deliver our infrastructure projects more efficiently and effectively. They include:

- Fitzroy region and Central West region becoming Central Queensland region
- Northern region and North West region becoming North Queensland region
- Darling Downs region and South West region becoming Downs/South West region.

These changes have not been reflected in this QTRIP due to the implementation process not being finalised at the time of writing. The affected regions are listed in their own section as in previous QTRIP documents.

The department will work closely with all industry sectors (private, local government and Australian Government) as well as major suppliers to deliver the programs outlined in this QTRIP. I urge all stakeholders to work together, foster innovation and strive for excellence in order to deliver the best value outcomes for the people of Queensland.

I am immensely proud to lead Transport and Main Roads, supported by the highest calibre policy, planning, technical and delivery staff.

I am committed to delivering the QTRIP 2012-13 to 2015-16.



Michael Caltabiano
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