



Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program

2013-14 to 2016-17



Foreword by the Premier and Minister

The Newman Government is committed to providing all Queenslanders with a transport network that is safe, reliable and efficient. The Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2013-14 to 2016-17 is part of our plan and comprises a total investment of \$17.2 billion for works across local, state and national networks.

The QTRIP details transport and road infrastructure projects that the Department of Transport and Main Roads plans to deliver over the next four years.

This QTRIP continues to support the long term economic growth of Queensland by delivering better infrastructure and better planning across the state. Our priority continues to be on preserving and maintaining a wider transport network that effectively supports the movement of people and freight, as well as our four pillar economy.

Only two years ago, Queenslanders were faced with a seemingly insurmountable task when natural disasters struck, affecting a range of communities and transport infrastructure across the state. More recently, we have seen further damage inflicted on many parts of Queensland, as a result of flooding caused by ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald.

This QTRIP continues to focus on rebuilding the state, with \$2.7 billion being invested in transport and road infrastructure across the state over the next four years, under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), a joint federal and state initiative. While much of the reconstruction works from the 2011 floods has already been delivered across the state, ongoing reconstruction activities continue to be included in this program. Close cooperation between local governments, the state government and the federal government will ensure we create a more resilient Queensland that is better prepared for the future.

As well as realising this government's election commitments, this QTRIP also includes projects from the Australian Government's Nation Building Program and the Regional Infrastructure Fund. In this regard, the Queensland Government's continuing commitment focusses on assisting regional communities by providing high quality infrastructure that supports economic growth. This includes:

- additional funding of \$1 billion over 10 years to upgrade the Bruce Highway to improve safety, capacity and flood immunity. This funding is subject to the Australian Government providing additional funding above historical funding levels.
- the \$790 million upgrade of the Cooroy to Curra section (Section A) of the Bruce Highway. This is the first project to be funded under the \$1 billion Bruce Highway state election commitment
- \$45 million for Toowoomba CBD Ring Road to ease traffic pressure by providing an alternative route for local traffic
- \$24 million for flood mitigation works at Blakey's Crossing, Townsville.

We will continue to improve the reliability, affordability and frequency of public transport services across south-east Queensland. We are also striving to improve road safety, with \$258.5 million allocated to the Safer Roads Sooner initiative for road safety improvements at high risk locations on Queensland's state-controlled network.

In 2013-14, \$170.6 million of joint federal, state and local government funding has been allocated to start work on delivering the \$1.147 billion Moreton Bay Rail Link project which will provide a dual rail line between Petrie and Kippa-Ring.

We are also continuing to work with local councils to improve road safety and reduce congestion, an example being the \$128.4 million worth of road bridges at key rail crossings at Bracken Ridge and Geebung.

This QTRIP represents a responsible and affordable program that addresses the Queensland Government's priorities at maintaining existing transport networks at a safe and efficient level, continuing to repair infrastructure damaged in natural disasters, and focussing on the timely and cost effective delivery of infrastructure across Queensland.

This QTRIP supports the Queensland Government's long term vision for a better Queensland through responsible government, economic growth and commitment to regional communities.



Honourable Campbell Newman MP
Premier



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Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Foreword by the Director-General

The Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) is Transport and Main Roads' continuing commitment to delivering transport and road infrastructure across Queensland.

The department has recently implemented a streamlined operating model to ensure we are delivering our services in a more efficient and effective manner. One important addition to our department is TransLink. The former statutory authority has now transitioned into the department, and this integration will further enhance the efficiency of our public transport network through the improvement of integrated planning, connectivity and accessibility.

Our regions will continue to deliver the most efficient outcomes for the people of Queensland through a revised regional structure, including:

- Fitzroy region and Central West region merging to become Central Queensland region
- Northern region and North West region merging to become North Queensland region
- Darling Downs region and South West region merging to become Downs/South West region.

The revised regional structure has been incorporated in this QTRIP.

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

The department is committed to competitive tendering, particularly in mature markets such as south-east Queensland, with projects being put out to the most innovative companies and councils to deliver works in the most cost effective way.

In addition to the department's focus on continuing to rebuild transport infrastructure across Queensland (under Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements) following the flooding events from 2011 and 2013, the department is also delivering key priority projects such as those below:

- \$178.8 million in 2013-14, for the \$1.296 billion Gold Coast Rapid Transit project to construct a light rail from Southport to Broadbeach
- \$71.6 million in 2013-14, for the \$96.1 million upgrade of the Pumicestone Road Interchange on the Bruce Highway between Brisbane and Gympie, which is due for completion in July 2014
- \$23.3 million in 2013-14, for the \$152 million construction of an interchange at Calliope Crossroads interchange on the Bruce Highway between Benaraby and Rockhampton, which is due for completion in March 2014
- \$15.8 million in 2013-14, for the \$35.8 million extension of the South-East Busway from Eight Mile Plains Bus Station to Priestdale Road, which is due for completion in July 2014.

The department also continues to invest in the preservation and maintenance of our transport and road assets. These preservation and maintenance activities will support the safe and efficient movement of people, goods and services, across Queensland.

The department remains dedicated to working collaboratively with the Australian Government, local governments and our private sector partners to deliver the programs outlined in this QTRIP. We continue to work together with the Australian Government to finalise projects for the Nation Building 2 program which commences in 2014-15. In addition, we have recently collaborated with local governments through the Roads Alliance,

to develop the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) program from 2013-14, which is included in this QTRIP.

In total, the Department of Transport and Main Roads is planning to deliver \$17.2 billion of works across local, state and national networks over the next four years – a huge investment for road and transport infrastructure in Queensland, particularly in the current fiscal climate.

I am committed to delivering the QTRIP 2013-14 to 2016-17 as efficiently and effectively as possible.



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