

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Temporary ramp closures for Bald Hills interchange

Progress is ramping up on the Gympie Arterial Road and Strathpine Road interchange upgrade at Bald Hills with key works planned over the coming months.

Temporary night closures of the interchange's entry and exit ramps will begin from the night of Monday, 26 July, and will occur intermittently until late 2021.

Transport and Main Roads' Metro Regional Director Patrick Dennehy said the upgrade was a welcome solution for the renowned congestion spot.

"This work will transform the current interchange into a diverging diamond, which will help reduce congestion and improve travel times and safety through the area," Mr Dennehy said.

"Works are now well and truly underway for this important upgrade," he said.

"These closures are necessary to maintain motorist and worker safety while new road barriers, culverts and upgraded noise barriers are installed near the ramps.

"Closures will take place between 9pm and 5am intermittently over several nights until late 2021, weather and construction conditions permitting.

"Traffic controls will be in place to safely guide motorists past the works via signed detour routes.

"These detours will ensure motorists can still reach their destination, however, some delays are expected, and I encourage motorists to allow extra time when planning their travel.

"The project team will also send SMS updates to local residents and update the QLDTraffic website for ramp closures as required."

The \$30 million project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments on a 50:50 basis. It is set to support an average of 65 direct jobs over the life of the project at a time when maintaining jobs has never been more critical.

The upgrade is being built by Fulton Hogan, with completion expected mid 2023, weather and construction conditions permitting.

For more information about the project, visit <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/gympie-arterial-road-and-strathpine-road-bald-hills-improve-intersection> or email metropolitanregion@tmr.qld.gov.au.

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