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### On the road to progress - Coomera Connector Stage 1 Central

- Progress is well underway on the Coomera Connector Stage 1 Central package, which includes 21 new bridge structures, including extensions to existing structures and a six-lane motorway to ease congestion.
- The project reached a major milestone in November with the installation of 19 deck units at the Sage Street bridge.
- The new motorway will feature six lanes, designed to increase capacity and improve travel efficiency for motorists.

Construction is underway on the Coomera Connector Stage 1 Central package, which spans eight kilometres from Helensvale Road in Helensvale to the Smith Street Motorway in Molendinar.

The project involves the construction of 21 new bridge structures, along with extensions to existing structures at Sage Street and the Gold Coast Highway.

In November, a major milestone was achieved with the installation of 19 deck units, each 23 metres long, at the Sage Street bridge. This progress marks a significant step towards the bridge's completion and its expected reopening in early 2025.

The \$3.026 billion Coomera Connector project, jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments.

Stage 1 of the Coomera Connector is expected to support an average of 1,000 direct jobs over the life of the project and is expected to open progressively to traffic from late 2025.

Community engagement continues to be a priority for the project. Following four sessions earlier this year, attended by over 800 residents, additional information sessions are planned for March 2025 to provide updates on the progress and design of the package. Details will be shared closer to the dates.

The Fulton Hogan Hull McIlwain Joint Venture (FHMJV) has been engaged to deliver the Central package.

For further information, visit [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/coomeraconnector](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/coomeraconnector) or register your details via email at [CoomeraConnector@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:CoomeraConnector@tmr.qld.gov.au) to stay informed about project developments.

#### Quotes attributable to South Coast Regional Director, Andrew Wheeler:

"South East Queensland is one of the fastest-growing regions in the country, and the Coomera Connector is a critical piece of infrastructure that will help ease congestion and reliance on the M1 and provide an alternative route for the growing communities and commercial hubs of Helensvale and Coomera.

"It is great to see the bridge construction progressing within the Central package corridor. With bridge decks installed at Sage Street, the new extended bridge is on track to be re-opened in the New Year."

"Further information on the additional information sessions will be provided in the coming months."

*Explainer/fast fact and or further information (when required/relevant):*

More information on the Stage 1 Central package can be found at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/coomera-connector-stage-1-central](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/coomera-connector-stage-1-central)

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