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Yeppoon Road Upgrade hits halfway mark

- Works on vital section of the \$122 million project to upgrade Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road reach halfway mark.
- Road users will transition to the new two-lane section on Yeppoon Road in early November 2024.
- Work will continue throughout 2025 to rehabilitate the existing two-lane section of road and complete priority intersection upgrades.

Works on the Yeppoon Road Upgrade project – which forms part of the Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road project – have reached the halfway point, with construction of the new section of two-lane carriageway progressing well.

Over the coming months, road users will see a staged traffic switch approach with vehicles transitioning onto the newly constructed carriageway.

The first traffic switch is expected in early November for the southern end of the project, and a second traffic switch proposed for late November for the northern end of the project.

This will enable the contractor to reconstruct the existing carriageway and continue to carry out majority of the construction work offline, reducing disruptions for motorists and ensuring enhanced safety for both workers and road users.

Once complete, the Yeppoon Road Upgrade project will increase capacity and improve safety for all road users.

Construction is also continuing on the three intersection upgrades along Rockhampton–Yeppoon Road at Iron Pot Road, Cabbage Tree Creek Road, and Artillery Road/Dairy Inn Road.

These key intersection upgrades will provide safer access and protection for vehicles performing turning movements onto both Rockhampton–Yeppoon Road and the side roads.

Construction on the Yeppoon Road Upgrade project is expected to be completed December 2025.

When delivered, the Yeppoon Road Upgrade will improve road safety and increase capacity in the region by delivering 5.6 kilometres of road duplication between Ironpot and Hedlow Creek.

Motorists are reminded to drive carefully through roadworks, be aware of changed traffic conditions and follow the direction of traffic controllers on site.

Changed traffic conditions at roadworks sites, such as reduced speed limits and lane closures are essential for the safety of both roadworkers and motorists.

The \$122 million project to upgrade the Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Brent Mickelberg:

“We will deliver the infrastructure to accommodate this growing region of Queensland and protect our enviable way of life,” Minister Mickelberg said.

“This upgrade will accommodate the more than 11,000 vehicles using Yeppoon Road every day and is a fundamental step toward catering to the growing demands of the region.

“Over the coming months, motorists will progressively be transitioned onto the newly constructed two-lanes, and work to rehabilitate the existing section of Rockhampton–Yeppoon Road will then commence.

“Managing traffic through this busy corridor is an important part of delivering the project and every effort is being made to minimise impacts to traffic flow.”

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

- *Civil Mining and Construction Pty Ltd was awarded the construction contract in April 2023.*
- *Construction commenced June 2023.*
- *Construction completion expected December 2025.*

Project webpage - [Rockhampton–Yeppoon Road, Yeppoon Road Upgrade Project | Department of Transport and Main Roads \(tmr.qld.gov.au\)](https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/rockhampton-yeppoon-road-upgrade-project)

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