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Design revealed for next stage of Highfields Bikeway

- The proposed design concept for Stage 3 of the New England Bikeway has been released for community feedback.
- Stage 3 will extend from Hi Winds Road, where Stage 2 ends, and follow the western side of the New England highway to the Murphy's Creek Road intersection.
- The proposed bikeway is designed to deliver safe, direct, and connected pathways that are accessible to people of all ages and abilities

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is calling for feedback on the proposed design for Stage 3 of the New England Highway Bikeway at Highfields after investigating a range of feasible route options.

Stage 3 will extend from Hi Winds Road, where Stage 2 ends, and follow the western side of the New England Highway to the Murphy's Creek Road intersection, which now features upgraded traffic signals.

The bikeway is designed to provide safe, direct, and connected pathways that are accessible for all ages and abilities. By improving walking and cycling infrastructure, the project aims to encourage more people to adopt these active transport options, promoting healthier and more sustainable lifestyles.

Stage 2 of the bikeway between Toowoomba Christian College and Hi Winds Road was completed and opened for use in June 2025, enabling people to walk and ride between Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights.

A key feature of Stage 2 includes a series of 'offline landings' to provide users with small rest areas where the path is slightly steeper. These landings provide seating and a safe stopping and turning space for bikes and mobility devices.

Smart lighting has also been installed on Stage 2 for the safety of users of the path between dusk and dawn, with light directed only onto the path to minimise disturbance to local residents.

Transport and Main Roads Regional Director (Southern Queensland) Bill Lansbury said community feedback plays an important role in shaping connected active transport facilities in the region, ensuring they benefit all users.

“Many Queenslanders including children, older people and people with a disability, rely on walking, bike riding and using mobility devices for transport to schools and essential services, as well as those who just want to enjoy being active as part of their everyday routines.” Mr Lansbury said.

“Community feedback gathered about this bikeway in previous stages has helped TMR determine how people will use the path and what design elements may be essential to promote safety for all users of this busy section of highway, including drivers.

"Involving the community is important to TMR and guides our decision-making because we are committed to building safe infrastructure that will give people more options, when travelling between places."

Community feedback for Stage 3 will be open until the end of October 2025.

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Further information:

Further information about the New England Highway Bikeway project including a map showing the proposed design concepts, can be found on TMR's project webpage. Visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au and search for 'New England Highway Bikeway'.

Fast Facts:

- Stage 1 of the Highfields Bikeway was completed in 2020.
- Stage 2 was completed in July 2025.
- This project is a priority location under the Queensland Cycling Strategy 2017-2027.
- Project webpage: <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/new-england-highway-cycleway-highfields-to-toowoomba>