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### **Major milestone reached - Townsville Connection Road Stage 3 Pile hammering complete**

- The Department of Transport and Main Roads has completed pile hammering work on the duplication of the Bowen Road bridge – Townsville Connection Road Stage 3
- This milestone marks a critical step forward in the delivery of Townsville Connection Road Stage 3 project.
- Once complete the Townsville Connection Road Project will improve traffic flow, enhance safety, and support the future growth of the region.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has reached a significant milestone on the Townsville Connection Road Project (TCR) Stage 3 project, with the completion of 50 foundation piles as a part of the duplication of the Bowen Road bridge.

This achievement marks a critical step forward in the delivery of the project, which will improve traffic flow, enhance safety, and support future growth of the region.

The completion of pile hammering works lays the groundwork for the next phase of construction, including deck installation.

The TCR Stage 3 project is part of a broader investment supported by accelerated funding through Road Stimulus Packages to increase investment in roads and transport infrastructure as part of The Queensland Economic Recovery Strategy.

Construction will continue in the coming months, with the project on track for completion by mid-2026, weather and construction conditions permitting.

TCR Stage 3 is being delivered in conjunction with the \$96 million Townsville Connection Road Project (Stages 2 and 4), which includes the duplication of Stuart Drive between University Road and the Bowen Road Bridge.

Recently, the transition to separate traffic flows on Stuart Drive has taken place, marking the final phase of the project ahead of its expected completion in late 2025.

TMR would like to thank the community for their understanding and patience while works continue.

#### **Quotes attributable to Transport and Main Roads Regional Director (North Queensland), Ross Hodgman:**

“This milestone is a testament to the hard work and coordination of the project team.

“Driving the final pile into place is a major achievement and a clear sign of the progress being made on this vital infrastructure project.

“We’re building a stronger, safer, and more resilient transport network for the people of Townsville and the wider North Queensland region.”

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**Further information:**

Flythrough video of the upgrades on the Townsville Connection Road can also be found on the project page at: <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/townsville-connection-road-idalia-university-road-to-bowen-road-bridge-improve-safety/>

[Link to high res imagery](#)

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