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## **Key Mount Crosby Road overpass repair works completed ahead of schedule**

- Key works necessary to repair the Mount Crosby Road overpass in Karalee have been completed three days ahead of schedule.
- The overpass will re-open to traffic at 5am on the morning of 21 January 2026.
- Regular heavy vehicle traffic will be allowed on the overpass, with works enabling the removal of temporary loading restrictions introduced after a bridge strike in May 2025.

The Mount Crosby Road overpass of the Warrego Highway in Karalee will re-open to traffic three days sooner than expected, following intensive restoration works carried out by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) over the weekend.

The overpass will now re-open at 5am on Wednesday 21 January 2026, due to favourable construction outcomes during an intensive works weekend to lift out and replace damaged bridge girders.

A 20km/h speed restriction remains in place across the overpass while further restoration works are completed. These works will continue at night, with minimal traffic disruptions anticipated.

The bridge girder works undertaken enable heavy vehicle traffic on the overpass again, and eliminate temporary loading restrictions introduced after a bridge strike in May 2025.

Remaining works on the overpass include reinstating the footpath, bridge deck, road surface and barriers, plus realigning the traffic lanes to original configuration.

While the remaining works are completed, the Mount Crosby Road overpass will be reduced to a single lane with traffic control and alternating flow nightly between 8pm and 5am, with no further detours planned for motorists travelling north and south across the overpass.

The Warrego Highway westbound will be closed beneath the overpass nightly between 10pm and 5am until Saturday 24 January 2026. Traffic will be detoured via the Mount Crosby Road interchange exit and entry ramps, which are right next to the highway.

TMR's Regional Director (Metro) Stephen Mallows said the completion of the girder works sooner than expected eliminates further need for temporary detours to northbound and southbound traffic on Mount Crosby Road.

"We have fast-tracked these repair works to help get the people of Ipswich moving again in time for School Term 1," Mr Mallows said.

"The return of regular heavy vehicles across the overpass is also a big win for the Ipswich freight industry, which supports many facets of the Ipswich economy.

"Haulage businesses will once again be able to use the overpass to get to the next job quickly and efficiently.

“The Mount Crosby Road overpass is vital to the local economy and surrounding communities, and TMR will continue working to restore the overpass to full capacity as soon as possible.

“We thank the community and freight operators for their patience while these important works are carried out, and we will keep the community informed as works to restore the overpass move towards completion.”

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