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### **Safety improvements for Toowoomba Connection Road, Hume Street and Neil Street intersections**

- The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is designing upgrades for Toowoomba Connection Road (James Street), including improvements at the Hume Street and Neil Street intersections to enhance traffic flow and safety.
- Key upgrades involve reducing high-risk movements with updated traffic signals and new turning lanes.
- The James Street and Hume Street intersection is vital for heavy vehicle access in the Toowoomba CBD and links to the New England Highway

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is undertaking detailed design on Toowoomba Connection Road (locally known as James Street), including improvements at the Hume Street and Neil Street intersections to enhance traffic flow and safety.

The design will focus on various safety improvements, particularly reducing high-risk traffic movements by updating traffic signals and adding new and extended turning lanes.

The James Street and Hume Street intersection is a key connection on the heavy vehicle route through Toowoomba CBD.

The James Street and Hume Street intersection is crucial for heavy vehicles travelling through the Toowoomba CBD, providing local delivery access and connecting to the New England Highway for trips to or from Highfields or Crows Nest.

At this stage, funding for the James Street intersection upgrades has not been allocated.

#### **Quotes attributable to the Transport and Main Roads Regional Director Bill Lansbury:**

“The intersection upgrades have been identified as a high priority for safety and traffic flow improvements.

“The goal of the project is to plan for a safer, more efficient flow of traffic in this part of Toowoomba.

“TMR is working with Toowoomba Regional Council representatives to ensure the upgrades support surrounding local government infrastructure.”

Further information can be found at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/Toowoomba-Connection-Road-James-Street-and-Hume-Street](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/Toowoomba-Connection-Road-James-Street-and-Hume-Street)

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