The Rockhampton Ring Road is a $1 billion major infrastructure project within the Central Queensland region. The Australian Government has committed $800 million and the Queensland Government has committed $200 million.

The Rockhampton Ring Road will improve road safety and provide strength to the region’s economy by improving freight efficiency, flood resilience and job opportunities.

The project will also strengthen connectivity between key employment, leisure, tourism and residential growth areas of Rockhampton and the wider region.

The Bruce Highway is Queensland’s major north-south freight and commuter corridor, connecting coastal population centres from Brisbane to Cairns, over 1677 kilometres.

The existing Bruce Highway through Rockhampton is one of the remaining pinch points between Brisbane and Cairns, with 19 sets of traffic signals to navigate.

Traffic volumes on the Bruce Highway in Central Queensland range from 2600 vehicles per day in rural sections to 35,000 vehicles per day through urban centres.

The Bruce Highway serves as a key heavy vehicle route with an average of approximately 2640 heavy vehicles travelling through Rockhampton daily.

Complementary projects

The Rockhampton Ring Road will build upon existing and new road projects to enhance local freight and commuter efficiency within the region.

The Rockhampton Ring Road will integrate with major infrastructure already completed, including Yeppen North and Yeppen South, as well as projects currently under construction, including Capricorn Highway - Rockhampton to Gracemere Duplication and Rockhampton Northern Access Upgrade.

About Rockhampton Ring Road

The Rockhampton Ring Road will provide a western link of the Bruce Highway extending from the Capricorn Highway (Nelson Street) in the south, through to Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road/Bruce Highway intersection in the north and will include a new crossing of the Fitzroy River at Pink Lily.

It will provide key links into the city and will improve connectivity to important facilities and services within Rockhampton such as:

- **Capricorn Highway** – Gracemere CBD and residential growth area, Gracemere industrial area, and resource and agriculture sectors to the west.
- **West Rockhampton** – Rockhampton airport, hospital, and CBD, Rockhampton Defence depot, emergency services, education, sporting and leisure facilities.
- **Alexandra Street** – Parkhurst industrial area and residential growth area, retail precinct and North Rockhampton CBD.
- **Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road** – CCQUniversity, emergency services, Capricorn Coast and tourism.

The Rockhampton Ring Road will improve access to the city via the Bruce Highway and significantly reduce congestion by providing an alternative route for heavy vehicles, enhancing the overall safety and amenity of the urban centre.
Project planning

The $65 million Rockhampton Ring Road (Plan and Preserve) project is jointly funded by the Australian ($52 million) and Queensland ($13 million) Governments.

The future state-controlled road corridor and future railway land was gazetted in February 2019, preserving the land for future transport use.

The project is progressing through the planning phase finalising the road alignment, considering road and bridge design options, completing environmental and cultural heritage assessments as well as hydraulic and traffic modelling, and undertaking an economic analysis.

Finalising the planning phase will see the completion of a business case for the road construction project in late 2020.

How you can be involved

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is committed to working with the Rockhampton community and hearing your views on the Rockhampton Ring Road.

We value all community feedback and will use the information to inform the business case, shape the way we engage with you and how we can best involve the community throughout the life of the project.

There are a number of ways for you to participate including our website and community drop-in sessions.

Project website

The Rockhampton Ring Road website provides a centralised, one-stop shop for up-to-date information about the project.

It will help visitors gain a visual understanding of how the Rockhampton Ring Road will support the surrounding region and provides the community with the opportunity to share their thoughts about the project and what is important to them.

Visit our website to find out more: https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/RockhamptonRingRoad

Community drop-in sessions

The Department of Transport and Main Roads will be conducting a series of community drop-in sessions in early 2020 where the concept design for the project will be presented.

Community members will have an opportunity to share their views on the concept design, provide further feedback on the project to inform the business case and register to receive the latest project news.

Stay informed about the project

To stay informed and receive project updates, contact the project team on (07) 4931 1500, or register your details via our website at: https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/RockhamptonRingRoad

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**PROJECT TIMELINE**

**November 2018 - January 2019**

$1 billion funding commitment for the construction of the Rockhampton Ring Road jointly funded by the Australian ($800 million) and Queensland ($200 million) Governments

**February 2018**

Commence the $65 million Rockhampton Ring Road (Plan and Preserve) project jointly funded by the Australian ($52 million) and Queensland ($13 million) Governments

**Mid-2019**

Completion of Preliminary Evaluation

Commencement of Detailed Business Case

**Late 2019 - Early 2020**

Community engagement opportunities through online platform and drop-in information sessions

**Late 2020 - Early 2021**

Detailed design

**Late 2020**

Complete Detailed Business Case

**Late 2021**

Proposed construction tendering

**2021**

Proposed construction early works

**2022 - 2026**

Proposed construction