

Gympie Arterial Road and Strathpine Road Interchange Upgrade – upcoming traffic changes

April 2022

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is progressing work for the Gympie Arterial Road and Strathpine Road interchange upgrade at Bald Hills to improve congestion, travel times and safety.

In early April 2022, traffic will start moving through the interchange in the new diverging diamond configuration.

What to expect

Traffic changes

The diverging diamond design will see eastbound and westbound traffic switched from the left side of the road to the right in both directions (see map overleaf).

The crossover will be controlled safely and efficiently with traffic signals. This new configuration means right-turning traffic will not have to give way to opposing traffic and decreases the number of traffic signals required.

Once through the interchange, traffic reverts back to the left-hand side of the road to continue the journey. Adjustments will be made to traffic signal phasing to assist with traffic flow.

Please see the flyover video via the project webpage www.tmr.qld.gov.au and search 'Gympie Arterial Road and Strathpine Road'.

These changes will be implemented over consecutive days and nights of the weekend from 6pm Friday 8 April 2022 to 6am Monday 11 April 2022. During this time the interchange will be under police control at all times with temporary line markings, traffic signal stands and lane delineations.

Varying lane and ramp closures will also be in place intermittently throughout these works. Please allow extra time when planning your travel, and always follow the directions of police, traffic controllers and directional roadside and detour signage.

GPS

As GPS navigation maps are not updated as regularly as construction progress, motorists are advised to ignore GPS guidance and follow the traffic controls and directional signage on the ground.

Pedestrians and bike riders

Pedestrian access will continue to be available along the southern side of the interchange throughout these works. Bike riders are required to dismount while using footpath facilities, until on-road cycling facilities are installed at the interchange in mid-2022.

Residential impacts

Nearby residents and businesses will experience construction impacts including noise, flashing lights, dust, vibration and odour from construction activities and equipment onsite. Every effort will be made to minimise impacts to the local community and surrounds.

TMR thanks the local community for their patience and cooperation during these works.

Funding

The Australian Government, under the Urban Congestion Fund, has committed to jointly funding (50:50) the \$30 million (total) Gympie Arterial Road and Strathpine Road interchange upgrade with the Queensland Government.

Looking ahead

Following the switch to a diverging diamond interchange system, the project will continue with the remaining construction activities. These include:

- construction of centre medians, kerb and channelling, and permanent traffic signals and signage
- installing remaining noise barriers and guardrail
- final road resurfacing works, line marking and on-road cycling facilities
- landscaping activities.

Works are being completed during the day whenever possible. However, due to the nature of the works, the proximity to live traffic, and the ongoing need for temporary lane and ramp closures, works will also be carried out at night for the safety of workers and motorists and to minimise congestion.

The project is anticipated to be complete by mid-2023, weather and construction conditions permitting.

Contact us

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