

Community Update | June 2021

Townsville Ring Road Stage 5 project

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is progressing the \$230 million Townsville Ring Road Stage 5 (TRR5) project. Design is underway and construction will start in mid-2021.

The TRR5 project will duplicate the remaining six kilometre, two-lane section of the Townsville Ring Road between Vickers Bridge and Shaw Road; and provide a new connection to and from the Townsville Ring Road at Beck Drive.

The Australian and Queensland governments will contribute \$184 million and \$46 million respectively to the TRR5 project, which is jointly funded on an 80:20 basis under the 15-year, \$12.6 billion Bruce Highway Upgrade Program.

Project benefits

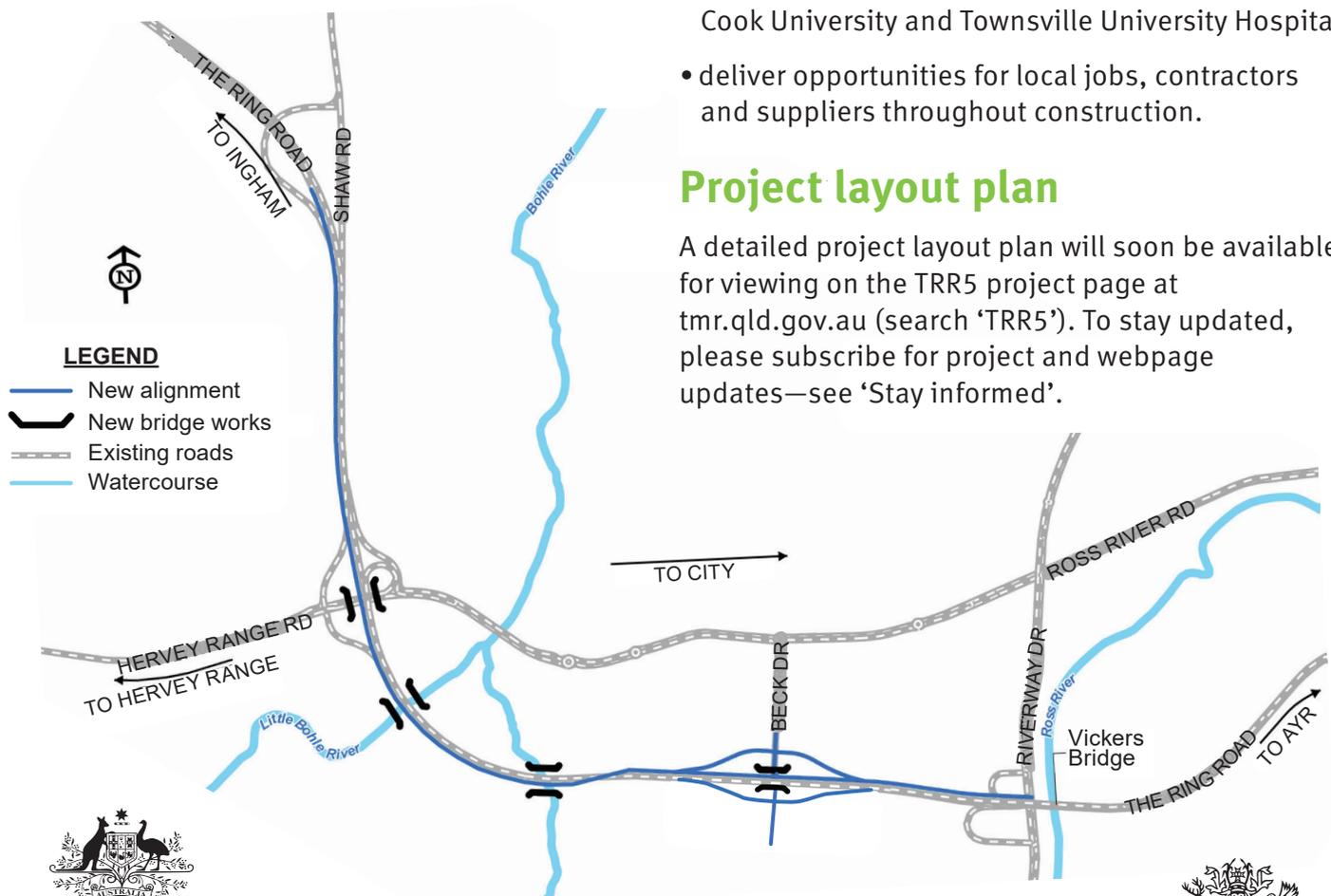
More than 17,000 vehicles use this section of the Townsville Ring Road each day. The TRR5 project will deliver long-term improvements to traffic flow and road safety on the Bruce Highway in Townsville.

The TRR5 project will:

- improve road safety
- improve efficiency and travel time reliability for freight and passenger vehicles on the Bruce Highway
- reduce peak hour congestion on the surrounding road network
- improve local connectivity to important employment nodes and essential services in Townsville, including Lavarack Barracks, James Cook University and Townsville University Hospital
- deliver opportunities for local jobs, contractors and suppliers throughout construction.

Project layout plan

A detailed project layout plan will soon be available for viewing on the TRR5 project page at tmr.qld.gov.au (search 'TRR5'). To stay updated, please subscribe for project and webpage updates—see 'Stay informed'.



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Key project features

In line with government commitments, key project features include:

- duplication of the remaining six-kilometre section of two-lane highway to four lanes
- a new interchange to provide a connection to and from the Ring Road at Beck Drive
- changes to the existing Riverway Drive interchange to ensure its safe operation with the new Beck Drive interchange, including removal of the eastbound-off ramp and westbound on-ramp
- duplication of bridges over the Bohle and Little Bohle Rivers and of other existing drainage structures.

The project will also include:

- duplication of overpasses at Beck Drive and Hervey Range Road
- active transport facilities including shared pathways for pedestrians and bike riders
- installation of Intelligent Transport Systems to assist in optimising the operation of the highway and surrounding road network
- installation of noise-mitigation treatments based on the outcome of noise assessments and in accordance with TMR's Transport Noise Management Code of Practice
- some upgrades to the surrounding local road network including Beck Drive.

Stay informed

For more information about the TRR5 project:

- **Subscribe for electronic project updates.** Email townsvilleringroad5@tmr.qld.gov.au and provide your name and contact details.
- **Visit the TRR5 project page on the TMR website** at tmr.qld.gov.au (search 'TRR5') or scan the provided QR code for quick access. This webpage will be regularly updated with project information as consultation and design progress.
- **Contact the project team:**
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Project delivery and timing

Tender award

In August 2020, TMR awarded the Georgiou AECOM consortium the contract to design and construct TRR5, based on the concept design which it submitted during the tender process.

Project design

Detailed design is now underway on TRR5 and will continue in 2021.

Delivering the project under a 'Design and Construct' model allows some overlap between design and construction phases, meaning that construction can begin while the detailed design for the overall project is still continuing.

Consultation

Consultation with key and directly impacted stakeholders commenced in February 2020. Consultation is now extending to the broader community and will continue throughout the project. Further information about the project's design and key features will soon be made available on the TMR website and in community information sessions.

Construction

Construction is expected to commence in mid-2021 and will be completed in 2023, weather and construction conditions permitting.

TMR is committed to listening to stakeholders and values community feedback about the TRR5 project. Residents and the wider community are encouraged to tell us how they want to be involved and stay informed throughout the design and construction of TRR5.

2021 community information sessions

The project team will hold community information sessions and pop-up stalls in mid-2021 with project information and detailed plans. These will provide an opportunity to meet with the project team and discuss the TRR5 project. Information about these sessions will be available on the project page on the TMR website and emailed to subscribed stakeholders.



Scan the QR code to visit the TRR5 project webpage