

Cairns Bruce Highway Upgrade

Sheehy Road (Forest Gardens) to Ray Jones Drive

Fact sheet number one

About the project

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has commenced work on the federally funded \$150 million upgrade of 3.4 km of the Bruce Highway between Sheehy Road (Forest Gardens) and Ray Jones Drive.

The project started in late 2011 and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2013, weather permitting. During the two year construction period more than 400 direct and indirect jobs will be created, with more than 80% of these resourced locally.

CairnsConnect, a joint venture between BMD Constructions and Albem Operations Pty Ltd, has been contracted to design and construct this first stage of the upgrade.

These works are the first stage of the 30 year Cairns Bruce Highway Upgrade master plan, and form part of the Australian Government's \$8.6 billion investment in land transport infrastructure in Queensland.

Project benefits

The 3.4 km upgrade of the Cairns Bruce Highway from Sheehy Road to Ray Jones Drive will result in:

- improved safety for road users, pedestrians and cyclists, including on and off-road cycle facilities
- a dedicated pedestrian and cycle over-bridge at Anderson Road
- improved access for motorists entering and exiting the highway
- reduced traffic signals along the highway
- reduced travel times, delays and queuing for motorists
- removal of the open level rail crossings at Sheehy Road and Anderson Road
- additional capacity and improved freight efficiency
- improved service road connections on both the eastern and western sides of the highway
- the addition of 7 km of on and off-road cycle lanes to the wider Cairns cycleway network
- safe pedestrian and cycle links across the highway
- improved pedestrian safety around the Red Hill cane railway line.



Anderson Road pedestrian and cycle over-bridge

Traffic and travel information

For access to information on local traffic conditions during the upgrade please call 13 19 40. You can also visit the website at www.131940.qld.gov.au

Did you know that five new trees will be planted for every tree removed during the project?

This is just one of the many measures being implemented to ensure there is an environmental "net gain" after delivery of the project.



What's involved

The 3.4 km upgrade of the Cairns Bruce Highway, from Sheehy Road (Forest Gardens) to Ray Jones Drive involves the following key elements:

Sheehy Road (Forest Gardens)

- Construction of a half diamond interchange at the entrance to Forest Gardens
- Removal of the Forest Gardens Boulevard/ Sheehy Road/ Bruce Highway traffic signals
- Construction of a new service road from George Cannon Drive through to Rigg Street at Woree
- Construction of dedicated pedestrian/cycle facilities on the Forest Gardens Boulevard/Sheehy Road overpass
- Closure of the open level rail crossing
- Construction of new pedestrian and cycle facilities between Forest Gardens and Ray Jones Drive.



Project information

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Anderson Road

- Removal of the Anderson Road/Bruce Highway traffic signals
- Construction of a new service road on the western side of the Bruce Highway, linking George Cannon Drive to Rigg Street
- Construction of a cul-de-sac at the southern end of Loretta Avenue
- Construction of a new pedestrian path from Anderson Road to Charlotte Close
- Construction of a new service road on the eastern side of the Bruce Highway (adjacent to the Cairns Golf Course) linking Kowinka Street to Walters Street
- Closure of the open level rail crossing
- Construction of a new pedestrian/cycle over-bridge to link Woree and White Rock.

Ray Jones Drive

- Construction of an overpass from the Bruce Highway, over Ray Jones Drive, to Mulgrave Road
- Construction of a more efficient freight and heavy vehicle exit from the Bruce Highway to Ray Jones Drive
- Upgrade of the Rigg Street intersection to improve safety and access between the service road and Ray Jones Drive
- Upgrade of Ray Jones Drive to six lanes approaching Kate Street
- Construction of new off-road cycle and pedestrian facilities along Ray Jones Drive.

Master plan information

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