Community display information

Staffed displays

The Calliope Crossroads Upgrade project design is available for viewing and comment from 8.30 am to 2 pm at:

- **IGA Shopping Centre, Calliope**
  - Saturday 28 January and Saturday 18 February 2012

- **Kin Kora Shopping Centre, Gladstone**
  - Saturday 4 February and Saturday 11 February 2012

Static displays

The project design will also be available for viewing at the following locations:

- **Calliope Library**
  - Saturday 28 January to Saturday 18 February 2012

- **Gladstone City Library**
  - Saturday 28 January to Saturday 18 February 2012

Online

To view the design and for more information about the Calliope Crossroads Upgrade project please visit [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects).

Have your say

**Email:** Calliope_xroads_feedback@tmr.qld.gov.au

**Free call:** 1800 677 341*

**Post:** Calliope Crossroads Upgrade, Transport and Main Roads, PO Box 5096, Red Hill, Rockhampton Qld 4701.


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Calliope Crossroads Upgrade

The Calliope Crossroads, at the intersection of the Bruce Highway and the Dawson Highway, will be upgraded as part of the Australian Government's Nation Building Program. This upgrade will ensure the intersection safely accommodates increasing traffic volumes in the rapidly growing Gladstone region.

Every day, more than 8000 vehicles pass through the intersection of the Bruce Highway and Dawson Highway, locally known as the Calliope Crossroads. Industrial and residential development in Gladstone, Calliope and the Bowen Basin continue to add more traffic to the busy intersection.

To ensure the safety of road users, temporary safety measures were introduced at the Calliope Crossroads in 2011 including traffic cameras and reduced speed limits. A significant safety upgrade is now required to deliver a long-term solution.

The Australian Government is committed to upgrading the Calliope Crossroads intersection to improve safety and reduce travel time for motorists with the allocation of $150 million funding from the Nation Building Program. The Department of Transport and Main Roads is managing planning, design and construction activities for the project.

Construction is expected to begin by June 2012 with the new interchange opening to traffic in 2014, weather permitting.

Quick facts

- Construction expected to start by June 2012
- Open to traffic in 2014, weather permitting
- Total project cost – $150 million Nation Building Program funded through the Department of Infrastructure and Transport
- Designed to accommodate anticipated growth of the Gladstone region over the next 20 years

Option analysis

**Community consultation 2010**

**Preliminary design**

February – November 2011

**Detailed design**

November 2011 – February 2012

**Construction**

Anticipated June 2012 – 2014

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Why do we need this?

Industrial growth in Gladstone, residential growth in Calliope and developments across the Bowen Basin are the major drivers for the Calliope Crossroads upgrade project. This growth will contribute to increased traffic volumes through the Calliope Crossroads, including a greater number of trucks. The intersection already experiences high volumes of traffic and has a history of serious crashes, including fatalities.

The Calliope Crossroads Upgrade project is essential in providing a safer road network for all motorists and has been designed to meet the long-term needs of the growing community.

The Australian Government has recognised the importance of the Gladstone Region as a significant economic centre, and has committed to providing the infrastructure needed to support this growth. When completed, the Calliope Crossroads will be one of the largest highway interchanges in Queensland outside south-east Queensland.

Project features

• 64m long Bruce Highway overpass over the Dawson Highway
• Dawson Highway widened to four lanes under the Bruce Highway
• Improved intersection safety
• New and safer private property accesses
• Bruce Highway speed limit increased to 100km/h
• Intersections designed to service large and oversized vehicles and trucks
• Dedicated loop for west-bound vehicles turning north onto the Bruce Highway
• On/off ramp intersections controlled by traffic lights
• Intersections with dedicated turning lanes
• Designed to withstand 1 in 100 year flood events
• Reduced travel times in all directions
• Pathways for pedestrians and cyclists beside Dawson Highway

Safety for motorists and the community

The safety of all road users is of primary importance in the design of the Calliope Crossroads Upgrade leading to the inclusion of a number of improvements such as:

• new merge lanes onto the Bruce Highway and Dawson Highway which will allow vehicles to safely join highway traffic
• intersections between the Dawson Highway and the new on/off ramps will feature dedicated turning lanes, controlled by traffic signals, allowing safe movement in all directions between the Dawson Highway and the new on/off ramps
• increased capacity to cater for the movement of oversized vehicles and trucks
• a pedestrian and bike path which will allow safe movement between residential and commercial areas of Calliope.