

Mackay Ring Road Planning Study

Project overview

The Mackay Ring Road Planning Study will investigate options for a ring road around Mackay, from Sandy Creek in the south, to Farleigh in the north and east to the Mackay Port.

The \$10 million study is funded by the Australian Government under the Regional Infrastructure Fund. The study is being delivered by the Queensland Government. The study began in October 2011 and is due for completion mid-2013.

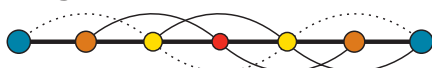
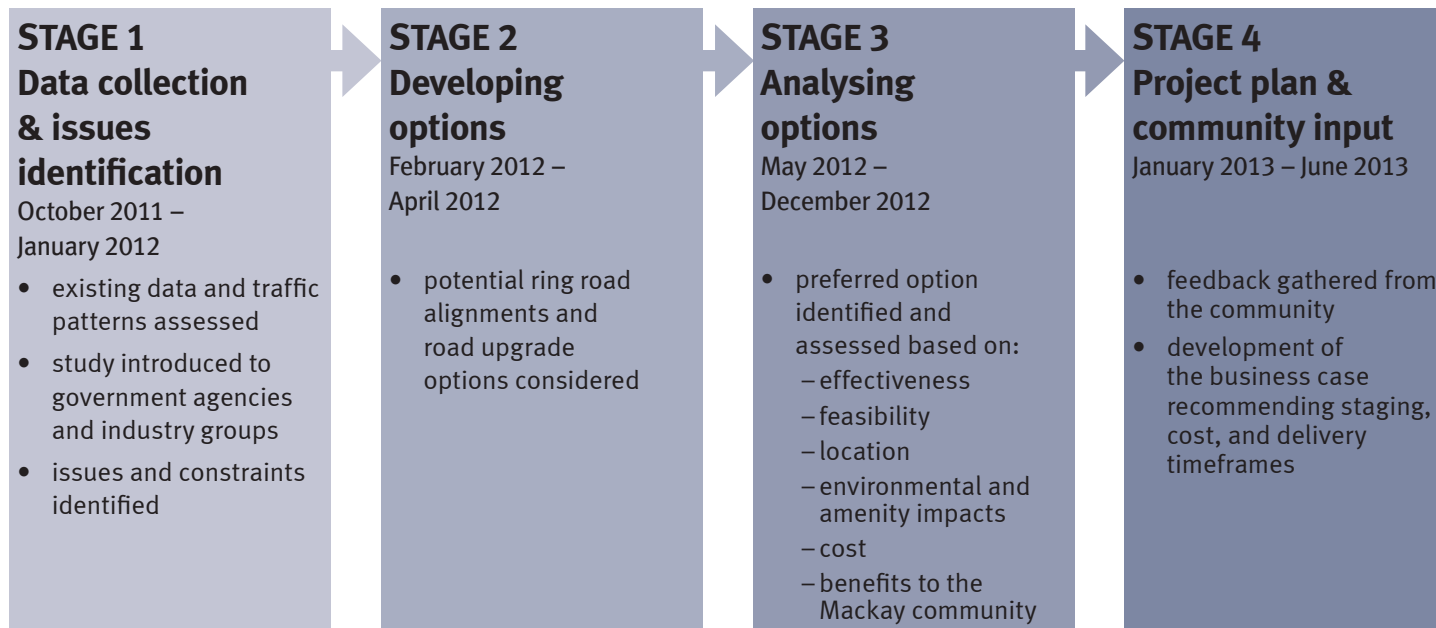
Objectives

The aim of the study is to identify a ring road alignment which will:

- improve freight efficiency in the Mackay area
- improve road safety
- protect and maintain the integrity of the national road network
- improve road access between industrial areas and the Mackay Port
- improve road access between homes and jobs.

Project timeline

The study is being delivered in four key stages.



Why are we doing the study?

Previous studies have identified a need for an alternative alignment of the Bruce Highway around Mackay, and improved access to the port, due to the following demands:

- growing numbers of large vehicles using the highway
- rapid expansion of industrial areas to support the mining industry
- strong residential growth in the Mackay region
- delayed freight access to the port due to congestion
- heavy and hazardous freight moving from Mackay Harbour to the Paget industrial area and the hinterland, affecting residents, pedestrians, cyclists and other road users
- insufficient capacity of Nebo Road to allow for future traffic growth
- intersections and roads reaching capacity during peak hours

About the study

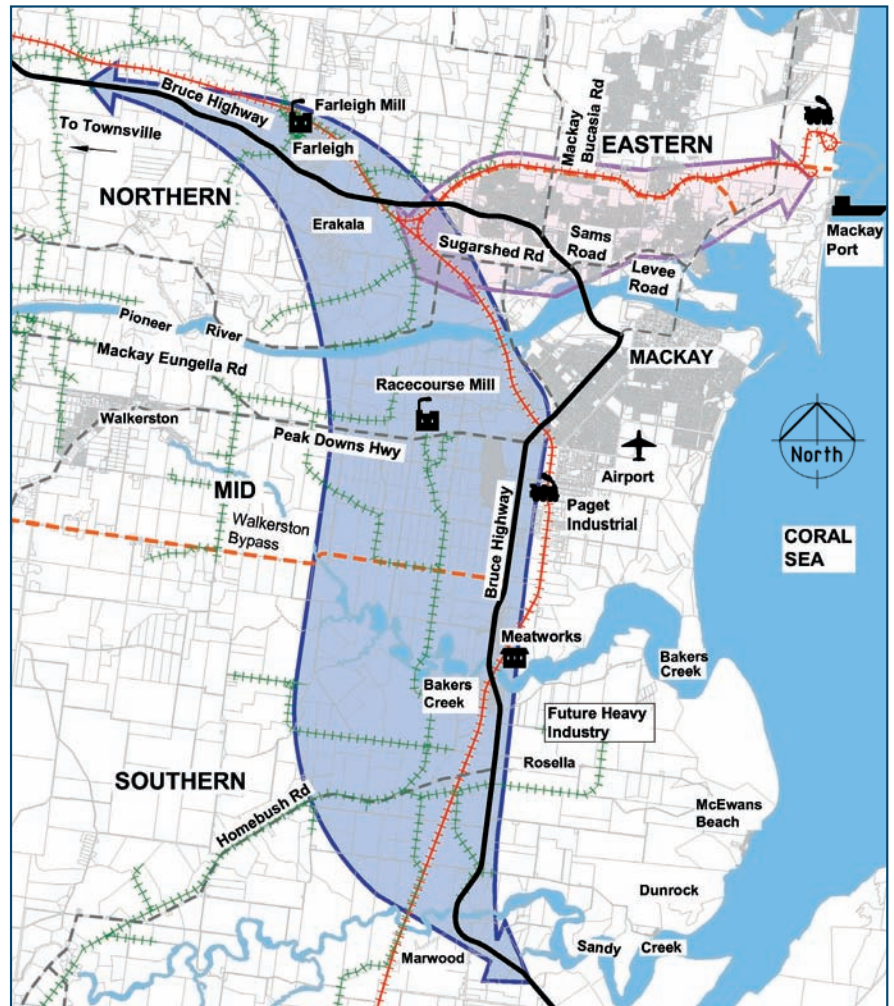
The study will identify a preferred ring road alignment, as well as the cost and timeframe to build the proposed road, and will be used to apply for construction funding.

The study will analyse:

- future growth
- road traffic patterns
- environmental and cultural heritage issues
- economic factors

The study will plan for the next 20 years and beyond and will recommend a staged program of projects that are affordable, feasible and provide benefits to industry and the community.

Study area



MAP LEGEND

- Future state controlled road
- Existing heavy rail
- Existing cane rail

- ↔ North-South Connection
- ↔ Port Connection
- Existing state controlled road
- Existing Bruce Highway

Contact us

The department will be seeking input from the community during Stage 4 of the planning study which will start in early 2013.

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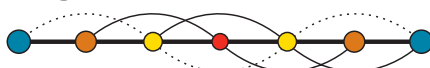
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