

# Townsville Connection Road



## Location

Townsville Connection Road, between University Road and Bowen Road Bridge, Townsville

## Timing

Detailed design was completed August 2022, construction started in late 2023 with completion expected in mid-2025, weather and construction conditions permitting

## Status

Pre-construction

The Townsville Connection Road is being upgraded to dual lanes between University Road and Bowen Road Bridge. The project includes upgrades at 3 intersections: Gartrell Drive, Mervyn Crossman Drive/Fairfield Waters Drive and Kokoda Street.

The section of road carries around 24,000 vehicles daily.

The surrounding area is experiencing residential and commercial growth, and increased traffic is forecast.

## Benefits

- Improves safety
- Increases capacity
- Improves network efficiency
- Increases traffic flow
- Reduces peak hour congestion
- Better road access
- Accessibility
- Better active transport



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## Key Features

- Upgrading Townsville Connection Road to 4 lanes between University Road and Bowen Road Bridge.
- Replacing the roundabout at the Townsville Connection Road and Mervyn Crossman Drive/Fairfield Waters Drive with a signalised intersection.
- Signalising the Gartrell Drive and Kokoda Street intersections to allow safer side street access.
- Safety upgrades for pedestrians and bicycle riders, including wider paths, better connections, and safer crossings.

## Funding

This project is fully funded by the Queensland Government. Investment ID 1810128

## Current Status

Early works, including property resumptions and public utility relocations, have been ongoing since December 2022.

Engagement with key stakeholders has been ongoing and will continue throughout the construction phase.

## Timeline

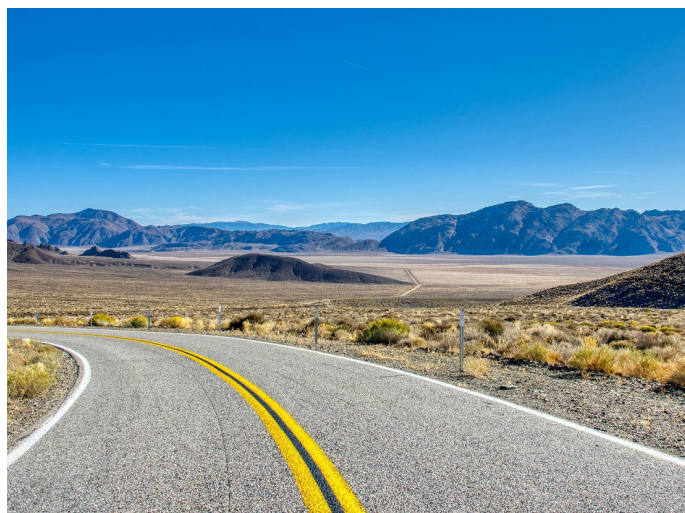
- Initial consultation commenced with stakeholders in January 2021
- Detailed design commenced in July 2021 and was completed August 2022.
- Broader consultation commenced with stakeholders in early 2022 and will continue throughout the project.
- Contract for construction was awarded in mid-2023
- Construction will commence in late 2023.

## Contract Awarded

Albem Operations Pty Ltd and SGQ Pty Ltd Joint Venture has been awarded the contract to upgrade Townsville Connection Road, with works to begin in October.

The \$96m project will upgrade the road, known locally as Stuart Drive, to four lanes between University Road and the Bowen Road Bridge.

The project, fully funded by the Palaszczuk Government, is expected to provide 90 local jobs over the course of the project.



An additional \$49.6m was included as part of the 2023–24 State Budget to ensure the full scope of the project is delivered.

The project will see improved traffic flow and safety for motorists, as well as deliver safer crossing and better connections to services for school children and users of the surrounding sporting and shopping precincts.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has consulted with local business, schools and sporting clubs to design and deliver the project since 2015.

Access to Stuart Drive and connecting roads will be maintained throughout the duration of the project with traffic management in place. TMR encourages road users to plan their commutes and allow an extra 10 minutes to arrive at their intended destination.

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