

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Signals, signs to light up Bruce Highway

An Overheight Vehicle Detection System (OVDS) for Normanby Bridge and traffic signal upgrades at intersections on the Bruce Highway at Gympie, are one step closer after the contract was awarded earlier this month.

Transport and Main Roads Director General Neil Scales said the construction contract had been awarded to Mi Electric.

"The contract is a part of a \$4.3 million package of works that will provide safer travel conditions along a five-kilometre stretch of highway between Hall and Fleming roads," Mr Scales said.

"The works involve upgrades to the traffic signal infrastructure at six intersections to improve visibility of the signals for approaching traffic."

The intersections to receive upgrades include:

- **Pine Street intersection:** adding a mast arm signal post on the Pine Street leg of the intersection. The mast arm extends the traffic signals out over the roadway for improved visibility.
- **Jane Street intersection:** adding a mast arm signal post on the Jane Street leg of the intersection. Works also include installing a flashing 'Queued traffic' sign on the Bruce Highway for northbound traffic.
- **Cross Street intersection:** adding a mast arm signal post on the Cross Street leg of the intersection. Works also include installing a flashing 'Queued traffic' sign on the Bruce Highway for northbound traffic.
- **Channon Street intersection:** adding a mast arm signal post on the Channon Street leg of the intersection. Works also include installing a flashing 'Queued traffic' sign on the Bruce Highway for southbound traffic.
- **Excelsior Road intersection:** Installing an LED 'Queued traffic' sign on the northbound approach to the intersection.
- **Centro Way intersection:** adding a mast arm signal post on the northbound approach to the intersection.

An OVDS and associated LED message signs will also be installed on the Bruce Highway at the approaches to the low-level Normanby Bridge crossing.

Mr Scales welcomed the news that works would soon be kicking off on this stretch of highway.

"Upgrades to this important freight and transport link will not only provide a safer drive but are also an important investment in jobs in the region," he said.

"Construction is expected to start late 2019 and be complete within a month, weather permitting.

"Given the high traffic volumes on the highway, there may be some minor impacts to the travelling public at certain times of the day. However the project team will work with the contractor to ensure any impacts are mitigated as much as possible."

The project is being delivered as part of the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program. The program is aimed at improving safety, flood resilience and capacity along the Bruce Highway from Brisbane to Cairns.

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