

Linkfield Road Overpass Upgrade Community Consultation Summary Snapshot

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The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is finalising a business case to confirm the preferred option to upgrade the Linkfield Road interchange at Bald Hills. The Australian and Queensland governments have jointly committed \$125 million in total to upgrade the Linkfield Road interchange.

Linkfield Road reduces from four lanes to two lanes at the Linkfield Road overpass bridge at the Gympie Arterial Road interchange, creating a major bottleneck. Significant congestion occurs on Linkfield Road eastbound, often resulting in queuing that extends past the Gympie Arterial Road intersection and back to Carseldine Road. The Linkfield Road Overpass upgrade aims to improve the safety of the ramps.

Detailed planning for the Linkfield Road interchange upgrade commenced in September 2020 and is expected to be completed in late 2021.

The upgrade is to address the core issues of congestion, queue lengths, ramp geometry and lack of provision for active transport and pedestrians.

Community information sessions for the business case were undertaken during May 2021, providing the community with an update of the planning status and sought feedback regarding issues, ideas and concerns for the overpass upgrade.

Community participation

Community feedback was received through a 'Have your Say' online survey, email, phone and face to face information sessions. The community consultation period opened 30 April 2021 and closed on 28 May 2021. The feedback received will assist with deciding the preferred option to upgrade the Linkfield Road interchange.



4 direct emails



139 online surveys completed



2 phone calls



150 stakeholders attended three information sessions



11 feedback forms submitted at information sessions

Linkfield Road interchange



Consultation feedback summary

The majority of responses received were supportive of the upgrade (86 per cent) with the key themes around improving the interchange. A total of 26 per cent of respondents supported widening or duplicating the bridge followed by 15 per cent of respondents who would like to see an upgrade of Gympie Arterial Road on and off-ramps.

Common themes in the comments received included:

- Duplicating the bridge and allow for provision of separated facilities for pedestrians and bike riders.
- Congestion during morning and afternoon peak times.
- Upgrading the on and off-ramps to Gympie Arterial Road.
- Traffic lights at the on and off-ramps to Linkfield Road and Gympie Arterial Road.



For respondents who supported the upgrade, comments included:

- Traffic lights to allow motorists turning off the overpass to access Gympie Arterial Road.
- Create two bridges, or at least widen the existing bridge so that it has four lanes total. Add traffic lights at the eastern side where vehicles turn to go towards Telegraph Road and keep a dedicated lane to turn onto the Highway northbound.
- Bridge needs to be four lanes instead of two. Traffic lights required to give motorists from Gympie Arterial Road west and east access to Linkfield Road.
- Straighten out the bends in the on-ramp to Gympie Arterial Road northbound.
- Linkfield Road overpass needs to be widened to a four-lane bridge, along with a separate off-ramp from the Gympie Arterial Road for all traffic heading east along Linkfield Road.
- Create a dedicated lane for turning onto the highway in each direction (that is long enough for peak hour traffic).
- Widen overpass and add a longer slip lane for cars turning into Carseldine Homemaker Centre.
- Traffic lights to replace a give way sign when exiting Gympie Arterial Road and turning right into Telegraph Road.
- Provide quality separated pedestrian and cycling facilities to link Gympie Arterial Road to Lacey Road.
- Include a better pedestrian crossing down Gympie Arterial Road.

Next steps

All community feedback received informs the business case for the proposed Linkfield Road Overpass upgrade. After the business case is completed, the next stage of this project is design, followed by procurement and construction. TMR will continue to work with the community and stakeholders and provide updates as the project progresses.

Timeline



To stay informed about this project, you can email the project team at metropolitanregion@tmr.qld.gov.au or call **3066 4338** during business hours. Or visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au and search 'Linkfield Road'