

MEDIA RELEASE

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Boundary Road extension reaches half-way point

A major new east-west road connection through Hervey Bay has reached the half-way point.

Cr Denis Chapman said with the Fraser Coast growing rapidly, extending Boundary Road would help reduce traffic congestion and take pressure off Boat Harbour Drive.

"The Boundary Road extension will provide alternative and improved access to the Hervey Bay city centre, major shopping centres, tourist destinations and the medical precinct," he said.

"While the most recent works have occurred in Grevillea Street in Kawungan, the focus shifts next week to the area of Boundary Road between Tavistock Street and Denmans Camp Road.

"The initial works in this area will include replacing a drainage culvert east of Maree Street, pavement widening on the northern side of Boundary Road and the construction of a raised priority crossing.

"These works will require a full road closure of this section of Boundary Road for ten weeks, weather and construction conditions permitting, with detours to be in place. Denmans Camp Road will remain open.

"We thank everyone in advance for their patience during construction and urge motorists to please follow the traffic control advice for this and any road project."

Cr Chapman said while wet weather had slowed the progress of the project, particularly in the early stages, the project was now half way through with completion expected by March 2024.

"This is a project that has been decades in the making, and it will set us up for decades to come," he said.

"It includes the construction of a dual lane two-way road along the vacant road reserve between the roundabout at the Urraween Road and Kawungan Way intersection, connecting to the intersection at Boundary Road and Denmans Camp Road.

"It will include new traffic lights at the intersections at Grevillea Street and Denmans Camp Road., with concrete shared pathways provided on both sides of Boundary Road and on-road cycle lanes also included."

The \$30 million Boundary Road extension project is being funded by the Australian Government (\$7.7 million) as part of the Hinkler Regional Deal initiative, the Queensland Government through the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (\$3.1 million) and Fraser Coast Regional Council.

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