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### Missing link to join Urraween to Boundary roads

The long-awaited Boundary Road extension will start early next year.

Councillor Denis Chapman said improving Hervey Bay's east-west road links was vital to limit traffic congestion and meet the needs of the region's growing population.

"The project will fill in the missing link between Urraween Road and Boundary Road with a 1.9km dual carriage way to create a second east west thoroughfare through Hervey Bay," he said.

"It will take traffic off Boat Harbour Drive and give residents better access to the Hervey Bay CBD, major shopping centres, tourist destinations and the medical precinct.

"The connection has been planned since the 1980s, with most of the road reserve for the project dedicated in the 1990s, so it's fantastic it's now able to go ahead."

The \$21.7 million project is being jointly funded by the Fraser Coast Regional Council (\$14 Million) and the Australian Government (\$7.7 from the Hinkler Regional Deal).

"The detailed design plans have now been completed and \$5 million has been set aside in Council's 2020/21 budget to start work on the project this coming financial year," Cr David Lee said.

"The next step is to invite residents bordering the route to forums so they can have a look at the plans. The groups will be kept small so we will be able to maintain physical distancing for COVID-19.

"As part of Council's commitment to keeping residents and businesses informed as the project unfolds, we will be sending residents fact sheets and answers to frequently asked questions about the project.

"Unfortunately to stay in line with government guidelines to minimise the potential spread of the coronavirus, we will not hold public meetings or set up information stalls to showcase the project.

"However, Council staff will be available by email or telephone to answer any concerns and provide further information as needed."

Construction is planned to start in early 2021 and will take about 18 months to complete, weather permitting.

The project includes new traffic lights at the intersections at Grevillea Street and Denmans Camp Road. Concrete footpaths will be provided on both sides of Boundary Road with on-road cycle lanes also being included.

“As most of the project is across vacant land, we are not anticipating there will be a lot of traffic disruption as the road is built,” Cr Chapman said.

“There will be some disruption as the project passes over Grevillea Street (installation of traffic lights) and when the new road is linked to the existing Urraween and Boundary roads.”

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