

# Media Release

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## Temporary traffic changes to occur on Dawson Highway during works

Works to stabilise a stretch of batter along the Dawson Highway between Far and Breslin Streets will start soon.

The project area, measuring 300m in length, will include earthworks, retaining wall construction, batter stabilisation works, drainage and landscaping, and associated footpath works.

The project is expected to be completed by 30 June 2021, weather permitting.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said that once completed, the works will remedy erosion of the exposed batter slope and deterioration of the existing retaining wall, while reducing the amount of future maintenance.

“Works will require the temporary closure of the raised concrete path and changed traffic conditions on the southbound side of the Dawson Highway, between Breslin and Far Streets, with a signed detour in place to assist pedestrians and users,” Councillor Burnett said.

“Temporary signs have been placed to advise of the upcoming works and possible traffic delays along this stretch of the Dawson Highway.

“All works will be undertaken with the highest practical levels of safety for pedestrians, motorists, workers, cyclists and users of the area, and motorists are urged to drive carefully through the area and adhere to any changed traffic conditions.

“Gladstone Regional Council was successful in securing funding to stabilise this stretch of batter on the Dawson Highway under the Federal Government’s Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.”

Ken O’Dowd MP, Federal Member for Flynn said that with strong community and local government support, the Morrison Government extended the LRCI by \$1 billion in the 2020-21 Budget.

“It is rewarding to see the Gladstone Regional Council delivering a local and community project on the Dawson Highway, between Breslin and Far Street,” Mr O’Dowd said.

“Projects such as this support jobs and resilience of the local economy to help our region bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.”

The Dawson Highway Batter Stabilisation project is jointly funded by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communication, and Gladstone Regional Council.

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