

# Media Release

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## Safety improvement works taking place along Turkey Beach Road

Gladstone Regional Council and the Queensland Government are jointly funding a \$500,000 project for road safety improvements to Turkey Beach Road.

Turkey Beach Road is a two-way road extending from the intersection with the Bruce Highway (western end) to the boundary of Turkey Beach township (eastern end).

The works have commenced and are expected to be completed by late June.

The project site is located about 1km to the east of Sandy Creek, with approximately 300 metres of existing road set to be widened and resealed, improving the safety performance of this section of Turkey Beach Road.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said Council had previously appointed a design consultant to undertake a road safety audit for all 21 kilometres of Turkey Beach Road, providing Council the data and design information needed to forecast funding for staged works over several years.

“The stretch of road audited was 21km and the safety performance of the existing road varies considerably over this distance,” Councillor Burnett said.

“These works target a troublesome section of road just to the east of Sandy Creek. Once complete, motorists will notice a new 1m road shoulder either side of the existing road and a full-width reseal of the 300-metre section.

“Wider traffic lanes and shoulders provide motorists with increased opportunity for safe recovery when their vehicles veer off the road, while also providing improved sight distance at horizontal curves.”

Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said the Queensland Government’s Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme provided an important source of funding to support local road projects.

“This scheme provides \$70 million a year to councils across the state and allows us to partner with local governments to deliver important road upgrades for local communities,” Mr Bailey said.

“Hundreds of road upgrades and safety improvements have been delivered under this partnership model, so I’m pleased the Turkey Beach community is among the next in Queensland to benefit from this funding.”

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Turkey Beach Road users are advised that possible delays may occur during the project, with speed reductions, traffic control measures and traffic reduced to a single lane as required.

“Motorists are urged to drive carefully through the works area and adhere to any reduced speed limits and changed traffic conditions or directions,” Cr Burnett added.

*The Turkey Beach Road Safety Improvements Project is proudly funded by the Queensland Government through the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme, and Gladstone Regional Council.*

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