## **Media Release**

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## Pedestrian bridges to be replaced along popular bike and walking track

Gladstone Regional Council is set to remove and replace two Turtleway pedestrian bridges as part of its 2024/25 Capital Works program.

The bridges are located along Turtleway Cycle Path, an 18-kilometre bike and walking track system that links with recreation facilities and parks in the Boyne Island and Tannum Sands area.

Pedestrian bridges set for replacement are located at Stirling Park, Boyne Island and Canoe Point, Tannum Sands.

Gladstone Region Councillor Kahn Goodluck said replacement of the footbridges will involve installation of new DDA compliant structures to provide improved community connectivity for years to come.

"The new bridges will provide increased longevity and reduced long term maintenance costs through the incorporation of sustainable construction materials," Councillor Goodluck said.

"Work begins from 10 February until the end of June and will involve demolition of the existing timber bridges and abutments.

"Unfortunately, this means the bridges will be out of action for a while, but we will have a pedestrian detour in place at Stirling Park.

"Pedestrians will be required to plan an alternative route to avoid the works area at Canoe Point."

The Turtleway Bridges Replacement project is proudly funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program - Phase 4.

## **ENDS**

