

Gateway Motorway and Bruce Highway Upgrades – north Brisbane to Moreton Bay Region

Community Consultation Summary
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Project overview

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is progressing integrated planning to cater for increasing traffic demands and improved safety on the Gateway Motorway and Bruce Highway Road corridors.

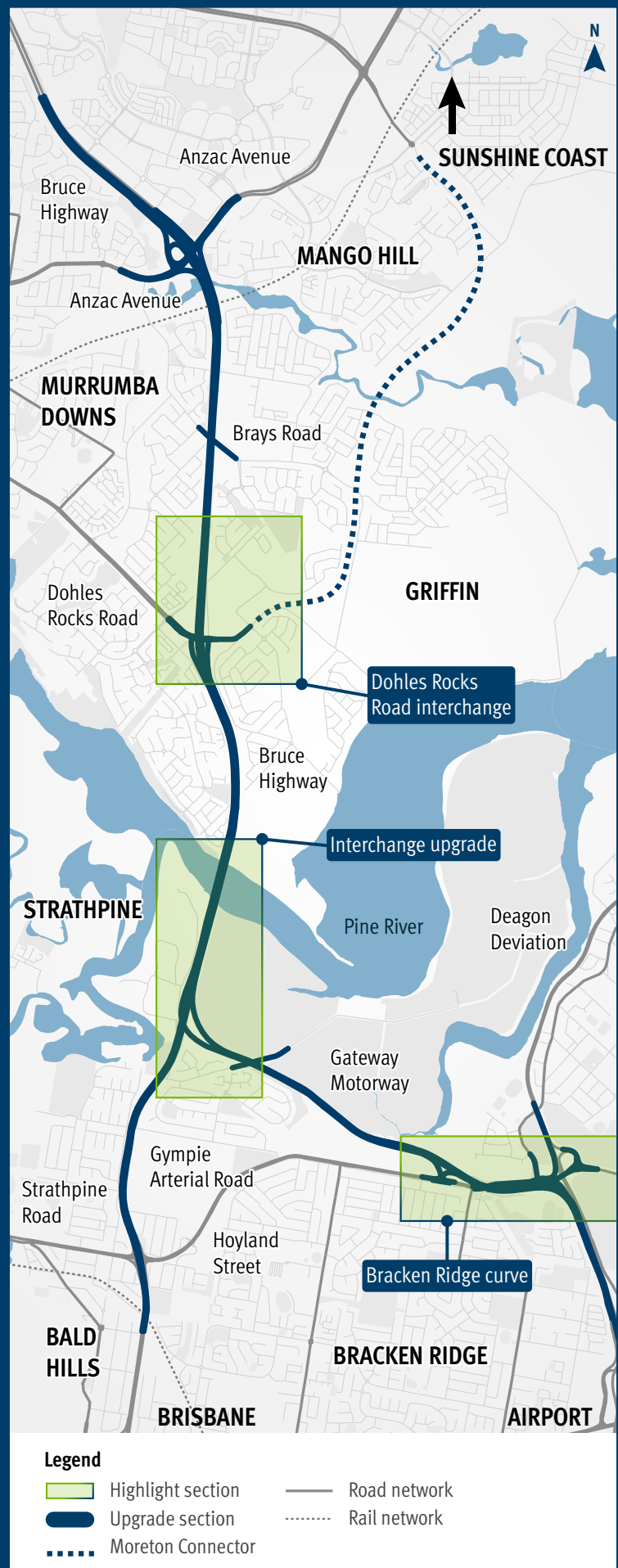
Significant population growth and current demand indicates traffic levels will increase by more than 50 per cent by 2041. Without upgrades, this vital section of the National Highway will be heavily congested for longer periods, with travel times significantly increasing for motorists.

The Australian and Queensland governments have committed a total of \$2.198 billion (on an 80:20 funding basis) for upgrades to the Gateway Motorway (\$1 billion) and Bruce Highway (\$1.198 billion).

Due to the significant size and complexity of the area, TMR is developing three business cases as part of an integrated approach to planning for the Gateway Motorway and Bruce Highway Upgrades (GMBHU). These business cases investigate upgrading the:

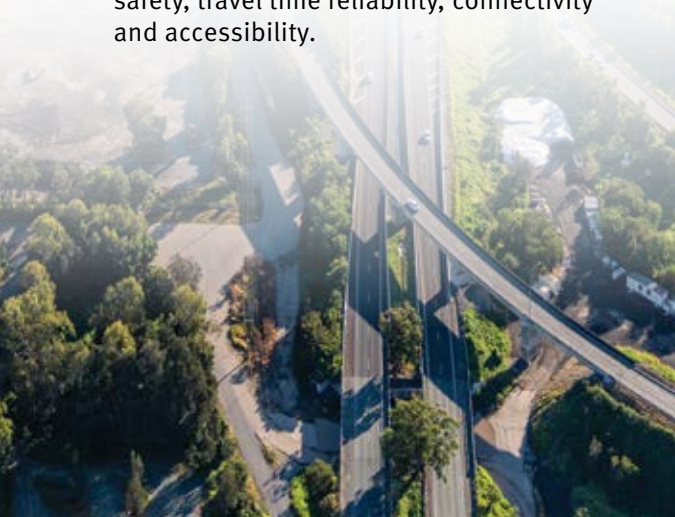
- Gateway Motorway from Bracken Ridge to the Pine River
- Bruce Highway from the Gateway Motorway to Dohles Rocks Road (including Gympie Arterial Road)
- Bruce Highway from Dohles Rocks Road to Anzac Avenue.

From this planning, TMR is developing a whole-of-network solution for the area that reduces congestion and improves safety, travel time reliability, connectivity and accessibility.



Above: Project map

Left: Gateway Motorway Bruce Highway merge



Community consultation

TMR undertook community consultation from 20 October 2022 until 9 December 2022 to seek feedback for the business cases progressing as part of the Gateway Motorway and Bruce Highway Upgrades (GMBHU) project.

During consultation there were more than 500 communication interactions with more than 400 feedback responses received.

The key feedback channels were:



Community drop-in sessions

32% of responses



Online Have Your Say page – online consultation hub survey and interactive map

27% of responses



One-on-one meetings

24% of responses



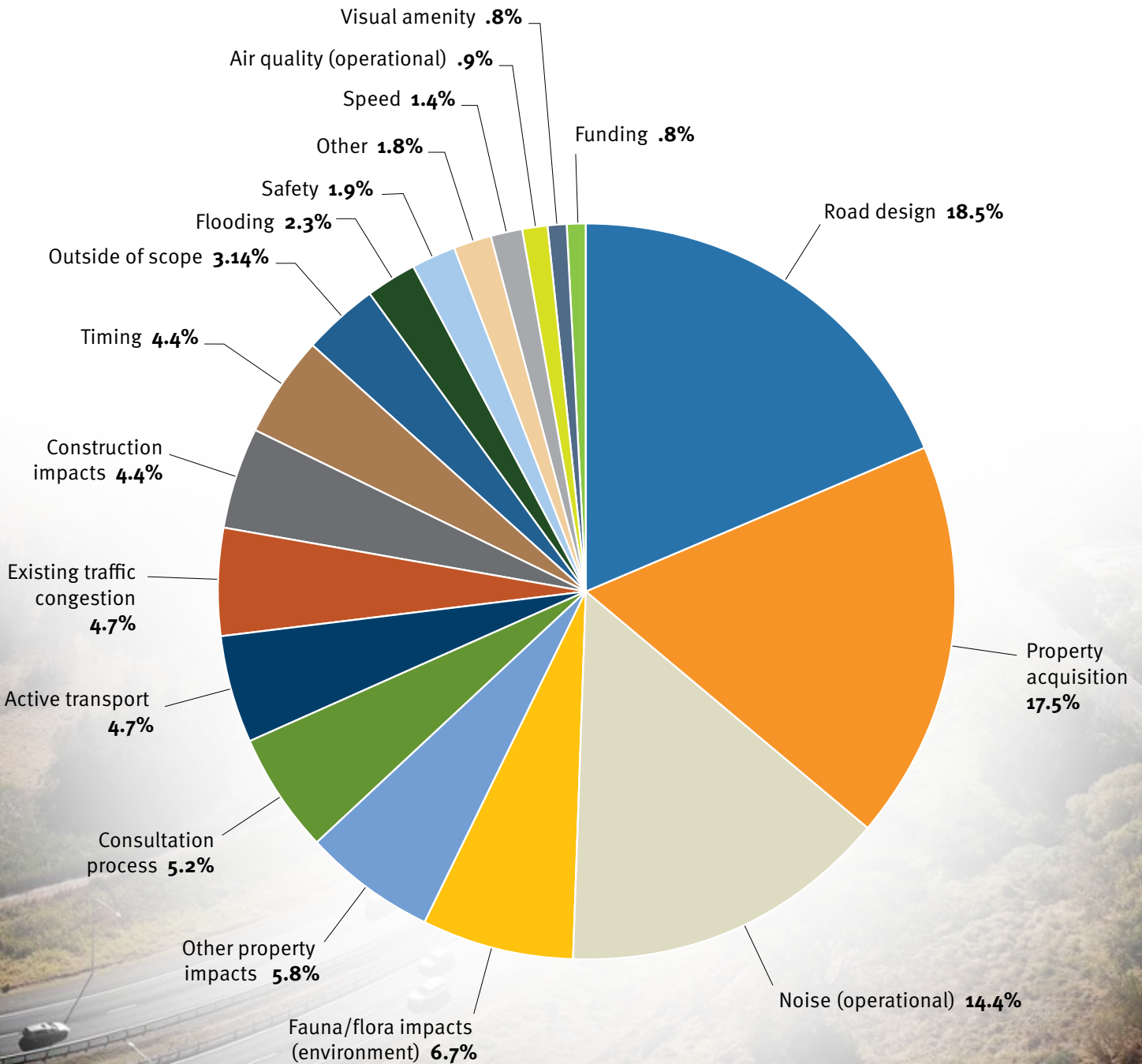
Key feedback themes

Summary

TMR would like to thank everyone who provided feedback during consultation. The following feedback themes were raised during community consultation.

Top feedback themes raised:

Road design, property acquisition and noise.



Gateway Motorway around curve at Bracken Ridge, looking west.



Road design

Common feedback about the road design included:

- Interest in options for Gateway Motorway upgrade at the Bracken Ridge curve, with similar levels of support for both options (90km/h or 100km/h).
- Changes to Bracken Ridge Road and Barfoot Street intersection and impacts to nearby residential community.
- Support for the collector-distributor roads from the Gateway Motorway to Dohles Rocks Road as part of the Bruce Highway upgrade.
- Interest in options for the Gateway Motorway, Bruce Highway and Gympie Arterial Road interchange.
- Concern about impacts to Bald Hills Road and the service road to the boat ramp due to upgrades to Gympie Arterial Road, Bald Hills.
- Support for building the extended north-facing ramps at the Dohles Rocks Road interchange onto the Bruce Highway.

TMR is considering all feedback and suggestions about road design as the business case is developed for the project. TMR will continue to update the community on road design as planning progresses to design and construction.



Property acquisition

Common feedback about property acquisition included:

- Concerns about the property acquisition required for the upgrades – particularly for future stages to upgrade the Bruce Highway (Dohles Rocks Road to Anzac Avenue).
- Timing and the acquisition process.

Due to the constrained nature of the existing road corridor in the project area, property impacts are required to accommodate the upgrades.

TMR is working with directly affected property owners, including options to apply for early acquisition should they wish to, in accordance with TMR's *Early Acquisition Policy*.



Noise

Common feedback about operational road traffic noise included:

- Increased noise from the upgrades.
- Request for noise mitigation including noise barrier upgrades or installation.
- Interest in noise assessment information.

Potential changes to road traffic noise because of the upgrades will be considered as part of planning and design phases of the project. This involves developing a noise model specific to the project and undertaking a detailed road traffic noise assessment to ensure noise is managed appropriately into the future.

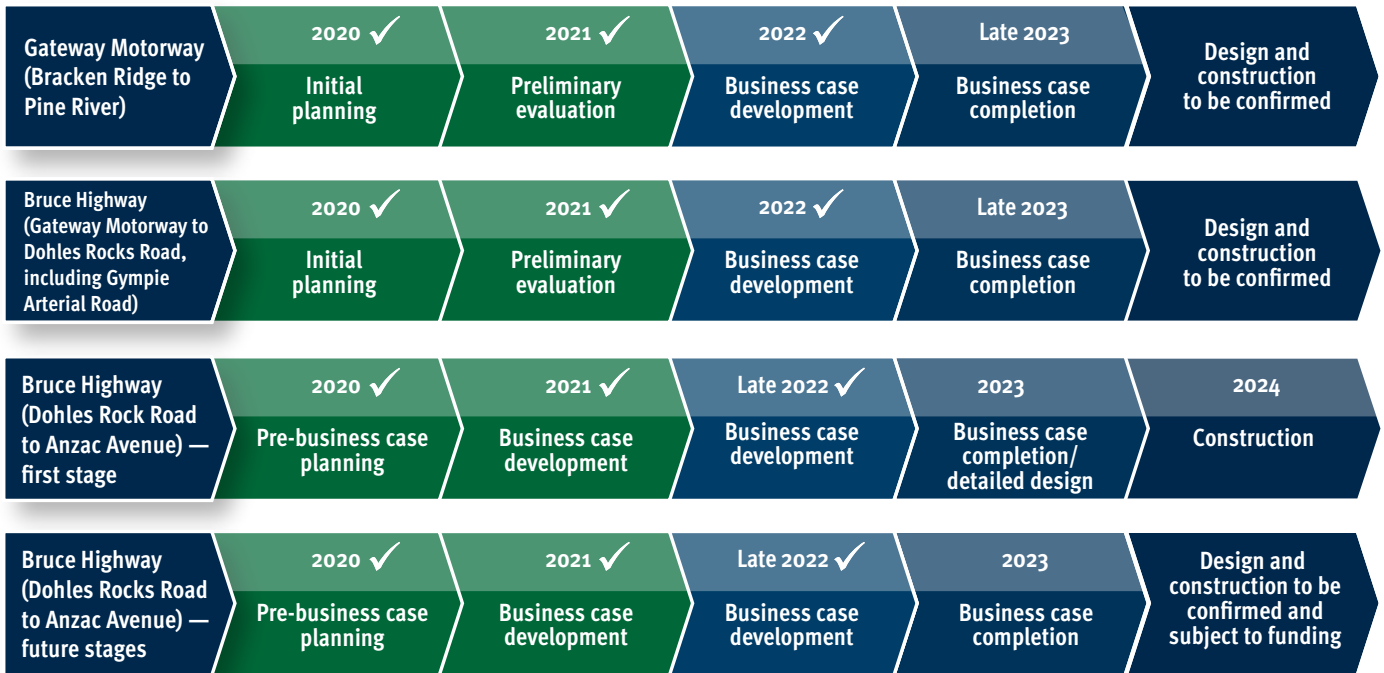
TMR will continue to keep the local community informed about noise assessments as planning progresses.



Next steps

TMR is considering feedback provided from community consultation in the business cases progressing for the project.

Project timeline



TMR will continue to engage the community with further consultation periods as planning progresses to design and construction.

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