

Factsheet

Warrego Highway EAST

Warrego Highway - Corridor Protection

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) plays an essential role in connecting Queensland and its people by providing a long-term strategic direction for roads throughout the state. Long-term planning for future transport corridors ensures Queensland's transport system continues to connect people, places, goods and services as our state grows.

Our vision for the future

The ultimate vision for the Warrego Highway is a motorway standard road as outlined in the Warrego Highway Upgrade Strategy, published by the Queensland Government in 2012.

While planning continues for a motorway, interim solutions are being designed and delivered to improve safety in the shorter term.

It is anticipated the Warrego Highway between Dinmore and the Toowoomba Bypass interchange at Helidon Spa will be upgraded in stages over the next 20 years and beyond.

What is corridor planning?

Identifying transport corridors is an important part of planning for the future.

All planned future transport corridors are categorised according to TMR's *Approved Planning Policy*. The categories indicate the level of protection, how the corridor may be used for development and provide clear expectations for state transport infrastructure planning and delivery, including land requirements.

The policy outlines four categories:

1. Category A – Unprotected Planning

This is internal departmental planning only and the default category unless planning meets the criteria to be in one of the other categories.

2. Category B – Planning in Progress

This planning is available to the public, but has not yet identified a confirmed land requirement.

3. Category C – Protected Planning

This planning is approved and associated corridor is protected, but not funded for construction.

4. Category D – Protected and Funded Planning

This planning is approved and funded for construction.

Which category of planning will be used for the Warrego Highway corridor?

It is anticipated the future road corridor for the Warrego Highway between Dinmore and Helidon Spa will be preserved and registered as **Category C – Protected Planning** following master planning and stakeholder consultation.

Why is TMR planning for property impacts now if land is not needed for many years?

Long-term transport planning allows everyone to make informed decisions about future land use. It also ensures development can be planned and built around the identified transport corridor.

Can anyone contribute to the planning process?

TMR is committed to working with potentially affected land owners and the community during the planning process. Potentially affected land owners can contribute by meeting with the project team, providing written feedback, and sharing any other information that may be relevant to the project. The community will be encouraged to provide feedback as plans become more detailed.

How does the preservation of a future transport corridor affect property?

There is no immediate impact from long-term planning. However, preservation may affect future uses of identified land. This includes:

- land requirements appearing on publicly available maps and property searches
- TMR assessing any development applications related to a potentially impacted property
- possible restrictions on development permitted on a potentially impacted property to preserve the future corridor. This means there may be restrictions on what can be built and how it can be built.

Get involved

TMR is in the process of contacting all land owners and the community potentially affected by planning for future upgrades to the Warrego Highway between Dinmore and Helidon Spa. If you have not been contacted, own land along this section of highway and have questions, please contact us.

Contact details

Transport and Main Roads is committed to working with the community to better understand your views and ensure the successful planning and delivery for the Warrego Highway master plan between Dinmore and Helidon Spa.

You can contact the project team via:

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