



# Bundaberg–Gin Gin Road safety improvements

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## Works overview

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is currently upgrading Bundaberg–Gin Gin Road between the Bingera Siding Road and west of the Kent Tobin Court intersections.

The Queensland Government has allocated \$6.3 million under the Targeted Road Safety Program (TRSP) to improve safety along Bundaberg–Gin Gin Road.

TRSP provides funding for locations with known fatal and serious injury crashes. The TRSP is funded predominantly from revenue collected through the Camera Detected Offences Program (legislation requires this revenue be distributed to road safety related activities) and the Australian Government through the Black Spot Programme.

Construction is being delivered in sections to ensure the project progresses as the detailed design is completed for a new section. Detailed design for upgrades through the South Kolan township are currently underway and the department is seeking feedback on the proposed layout.

Please consider the project details in the following pages and to the right and provide your comments to the department by 29 February 2020 using the below details.

## For more information

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## Project scope

The department is currently considering two options for implementation throughout the South Kolan township. The first and preferred option is to retain the 80km/h speed limit (with 60km/h school zone), however, a reduced 60km/h speed limit between east of the Mill Street intersection and west of the Hill End/Birthamba roads intersection is also being considered.

Should the 80km/h speed limit option be implemented, the standard dedicated right turn lane at Hill End Road will be longer with the pedestrian crossing and new bus stop located further west.

The scope of works for both speed limit options includes:

- installation of two new raised pedestrian refuges on Bundaberg–Gin Gin Road; one near the Hill End/Birthamba roads intersection and one west of the Jensen Street/Chalmers Road intersection
- possible removal of two existing bus stops (informal stopping areas opposite the South Kolan general store and the South Kolan Hotel) and installation of two new standard rural bus stops located in the same location as the new pedestrian refuges
- installation of a new 2.5-metre shared path on the northern side of Bundaberg–Gin Gin Road connecting the two new bus stops and pedestrian refuges
- improvements to the access at South Kolan school including installation of a dedicated right turn lane and widened shoulder for left turning motorists
- guardrail will be installed at sections where required
- some additional trees may need to be removed to allow for road widening in some locations
- improved pedestrian facilities
- warning signs will be installed throughout the project

# Frequently asked questions

## How will I be impacted during construction?

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During the works, nearby residents, businesses and road users can expect the following:

- **Audible construction noise:** Heavy machinery will be in use during the work period, resulting in localised noise impacts. The department understands the inconvenience this may cause. The project team will take steps to reduce these impacts wherever possible.
- **Reversing beepers, flashing lights and lighting towers:** These are important safety requirements and will be used at all times during work hours, with every effort made to minimise impacts wherever possible.
- **Construction dust:** Construction activities may generate some dust impacts. A water truck will be on standby during construction and the project team will implement as needed depending on monitored dust levels.
- **Private property access restrictions:** Vehicle access to private properties may be temporarily restricted within active sites for a short period of time. The team will endeavour to minimise any access restrictions and will advise any affected property owners of imminent access disruptions where possible.
- **Changed traffic conditions:** Speed restrictions, lane closures and stop-go traffic controllers may be in place during the works. Motorists should expect minor traffic delays and are urged to drive to the changed conditions and obey all signage and traffic controllers' directions.

Visit [www.QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au](http://www.QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au) for roadworks updates and expected delays on the state-controlled road network.

## Why are trees being cleared?

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The conservation and protection of native flora and fauna, including threatened and endangered species, is important to the department. Transport corridors and reserves are designed and maintained to support unique flora and fauna species.

The department is committed to managing the multimodal transport network in a manner that addresses environmental outcomes, with tree clearing for any transport infrastructure improvement works kept to a minimum and only carried out where necessary.

The clearing on Bundaberg–Gin Gin Road is being undertaken to increase the roadside clear zone at various locations. Designated clear zones are the width outside the road which should be kept free of obstructions to allow errant vehicles the opportunity to recover without causing significant damage to either the vehicles or its occupants.

## Will the speed limit be reduced?

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Currently, the speed limit on Bundaberg–Gin Gin Road through South Kolan is 80km/h. The department is considering reducing the speed limit to 60km/h through town.

The department assesses speed limits according to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) with consideration going towards the road function, prevailing measured traffic speeds, the speed environment and crash history. The departments' preferred option is to retain the existing 80km/h speed limit, however feedback from the community will be considered.

The basis of these guidelines recognises that regulatory speeds must be appropriate to the general environment of the road, otherwise motorists will largely disregard the imposition of unreasonable limits.

The speed limit on the remainder of Bundaberg–Gin Gin Road will remain as it is currently following the completion of the roadworks.

It is important to remember that reduced speed limits during roadworks are enforceable by the Queensland Police Service and that the speed limits are in place for the safety of motorists and our road workers.

## Will the road be realigned?

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There is currently no funding allocated in the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) to realign Bundaberg–Gin Gin Road at this time.

Infrastructure upgrades are prioritised so that funding goes to those areas identifying the greatest safety and capacity needs across Queensland. Priorities and upgrade treatments are determined by considering site-specific parameters that include recorded crash history, present and future traffic volumes, geometry and visibility.

Any future project to realign Bundaberg–Gin Gin Road would need to compete against other statewide priorities for funding.

## Will my property access be affected?

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Some private property access will be impacted by the works. Officers from the department will contact property owners in advance of construction to discuss individual property needs.

Wherever possible the department will work with property owners to ensure access is maintained throughout construction, however, there may be a need to make alternative arrangements for vehicle access.

TMR will endeavour to keep property access impacts to a minimum wherever possible.

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### Project layout snapshot for 80km/h option

