



Better roads and transport

Meeting the growing infrastructure needs of our State remains a priority for the Government. By building and maintaining roads, the Government will connect Queenslanders while creating and sustaining jobs for our workforce.

The Queensland Government is planning for the future needs of our State. In 2009–10 the Government will invest \$3.53 billion in Queensland's roads to ease the pressure of anticipated population growth. This investment includes:

- \$3.048 billion for Main Roads' capital works road program
- \$259.2 million towards the construction of a second Gateway Bridge and to increase capacity on the Gateway Motorway between Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road and Nudgee Road

Major projects for 2009–10 include:

- continuing to construct the Pacific Motorway interchange upgrades south of Nerang, and starting to expand the section between Springwood and Daisy Hill to eight lanes
- continuing to construct the Townsville Port Access Road
- starting the Douglas Arterial duplication project on the Townsville Ring Road
- commencing construction on the realignment of the Bruce Highway at Cardwell Range
- upgrading the Ipswich Motorway between Wacol and Darra, starting to construct the Dinmore-to-Goodna section and completing the Ipswich/Logan interchange
- starting to upgrade the Bruce Highway between Cooroy and Curra
- commencing construction on the Warrego Highway upgrade
- continuing to construct the new Houghton Highway duplication between Brighton and Redcliffe
- completing construction of the Bundaberg Ring Road
- \$171.8 million towards building the Northern Busway between Enoggera Creek and Kedron
- \$176 million towards continuing the Eastern Busway
- \$62.8 million over two years for the duplication of the Ferny Grove rail line to provide additional rail services
- new or extended train lines for Springfield to Darra, Robina to Varsity Lakes, and Corinda to Darra.

The 2009–10 Budget also includes:

- \$16 million for motorcycle safety
- \$5 million for heavy vehicle rest areas.

Safer Roads Sooner

Safer Roads Sooner (SRS) is a Queensland Government initiative ensuring road safety funding is spent where it makes the greatest difference in addressing fatal and serious injury road crashes.

SRS provides funding for cost-effective, high-benefit engineering works on State-controlled roads. It targets known and potential high-severity crash sites. SRS also encompasses a number of mass-action programs administered on a State-wide basis.

Ten mass-action programs are being funded under SRS:

- improving roadsides by removing hazards and increasing signage
- building median barriers
- laying high-friction surfacing
- creating new heavy vehicle rest areas

- increasing stopping places/rest areas
- improving bicycle safety
- delivering route crash awareness and targeted interventions
- laying audio-tactile line marking
- installing intelligent transport systems signs
- improving motorcycle safety.

SRS is one of the largest dedicated safety engineering programs in Australia. The combination of mass-action programs is a comprehensive approach to addressing safety issues on Queensland's roads.

In 2009-10, SRS funding will increase by \$19 million to \$66 million, with increased funding from camera-detected offence fines.

