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Minister's Foreword

The State Government is delivering for Queensland.

The \$41.7 billion *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2025-26 to 2028-29* outlines the transport infrastructure program that is being delivered to respond to population growth and cater for the significant transport demand that we will see during the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

We want Queenslanders to be able to get home sooner. This needs a network that is reliable, efficient, productive, and safe.

But we can't do it alone. It's important to acknowledge the State's partnership with the Federal Government as well as local governments across Queensland as we build the infrastructure needed for a growing state.

Both QTRIP and the State Budget reflect the Government's commitment to work with all Queenslanders, no matter where they live, to cater for the transport needs of our communities. We will invest in communities that have been ignored for too long.

Initiatives such as Country Road Connect will help seal vital transport links to provide greater resilience during times of natural disasters.

The Federal and State Government's \$9 billion Bruce Highway Targeted Safety Program has already begun work on many projects along the Bruce Highway. The Program will deliver wide centre line treatments, intersection upgrades, improved rest areas and overtaking lanes on priority sections of the highway north of Gympie to improve safety and reduce the time this vital link is closed due to accidents.

Work is also continuing for major projects along the highway such as the Rockhampton Ring Road and Tiaro Bypass to improve productivity, increase safety and improve flood immunity.

The Government is committed to make public transport more affordable, frequent, reliable, and safe. QTRIP includes funding for projects such as Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail and the Wave stage 1. These two projects will deliver major upgrades for the rail network connecting the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, and the Gold Coast. This QTRIP will also include funding for a number of projects that were commitments of the new Government to the people of Queensland at the last election. Along with these funding commitments comes a commitment to ensure every dollar of taxpayers' money is spent



wisely. When projects aren't delivered on time and on budget it means that other worthy projects need to get delayed or cancelled.

This year's QTRIP will focus on value for money to ensure more can be done with existing resources. Prior QTRIP publications have displayed budgets for all projects, an approach which influences the market's response to projects. Ultimately, these budget disclosures lead to reduced competition, weaker innovation, and poorer value for money.

This year, the new QTRIP layout categorises investments by 'Planned Investments' or 'Contractually Committed Investments', with budgets only displayed for investments that have achieved contract award. This new format continues to provide useful information to support the industry, maintains transparency for all users of the document, and delivers improved competition and value for money by not publishing project budgets for Planned Investments.

Queensland is a great state with huge opportunities. This program aims to deliver the transport network that facilitates and maximises these opportunities and ensure that all Queenslanders, no matter where they live, benefit from investment in their communities.

Brent Mickelberg

Honourable Brent Mickelberg MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads



Director-General's Foreword

The *QTRIP 2025–26 to 2028–29* continues to deliver on our vision of connecting communities in a sustainable, thriving and inclusive Queensland.

Outlining a \$41.7 billion investment over the next four years into Queensland's road and transport infrastructure across local, state and national networks, the QTRIP reflects the Queensland Government's dedication to building resilient infrastructure that meets the needs of our growing population.

The development of QTRIP is supported by strategic direction-setting documents, such as the *State Infrastructure Strategy 2022–2042*, the *Queensland Transport Strategy*, the *Transport Coordination Plan (TCP) 2017–2027* and our *TMR Strategic Plan 2023–2027*, all of which provide direction on key focus areas and priorities required to deliver the transport system vision. It is also supported by other transport strategies and plans, such as Regional Transport Plans, which guide infrastructure planning and investment.

The *QTRIP 2025–26 to 2028–29* showcases our strong commitment to building resilience through the Natural Disaster Program, delivered in partnership with the Australian Government via the Queensland Reconstruction Authority. At TMR, we take pride in reacting quickly when Queensland faces severe and unprecedented events. Our proactive and coordinated efforts ensure communities and industries stay connected, moving, and safe, reinforcing our dedication to supporting Queenslanders when it matters most.

Safe and reliable roads are the backbone of Queensland's rural and regional communities, driving industry growth and connecting people to vital services and opportunities. Thanks to a strong partnership with the Australian Government, we are delivering transformative infrastructure projects that will shape the future of our state. Early works are continuing on the \$1 billion Inland Freight Route between Charters Towers and Mungindi, as well as the \$500 million Queensland Beef Corridors, ensuring better connectivity for freight and industry. Construction is also well underway on the \$1.98 billion Rockhampton Ring Road, a project set to enhance safety and efficiency for road users. Meanwhile, the Bruce Highway Gympie Bypass (Cooroy to Curra Section D) is now complete, unlocking safer and faster travel along this critical corridor.



The Roads and Transport Alliance is continuing its partnership with local governments, with an allocation of \$75.95 million in 2025–26 for the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme. This scheme provides essential funding to local governments to support infrastructure upgrades across Queensland's road and transport networks.

Rail infrastructure continues to be a priority with works progressing on several priority projects to reduce congestion and support increasing customer demand. Building on the continued success of 50 Cent Fares, investments will ease the cost of living and focus on delivering better journeys with more frequent and faster services and easier access to more locations with new and upgraded stations to support connections between home, work, and essential services. Many of these investments will also support accelerated housing supply and ensure we are well positioned to meet the challenges of hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2032. Key investments include:

- Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail
- The Wave (Stage 1)
- The Wave (Stage 2 and 3), planning and market readiness
- European Train Control Signalling System

Cost pressures remain a challenge for TMR, exacerbated by delays in procurement, labour shortages, and market capacity limitations. These factors pose risks to both overall project costs and delivery timelines.

In response to these challenges, TMR continues to implement targeted initiatives to manage cost-related risks effectively. Additionally, the Queensland Government is addressing these pressures through a range of cost certainty initiatives including:

- improving design quality and correctness
- targeted earlier investigations to manage risk exposure through design and delivery
- improving business case and pre-tender estimates, including independent reviews
- addressing uncertainty with appropriate estimate allowances and contingency
- value engineering projects to ensure whole-of-life benefits are maximised and 'nice to have' scope elements are identified without compromising whole-of-life operational costs



- early industry and partner engagement (resetting expectations) and collaborative risk management, improved decisions on risk sharing and contract choice.

Many of these projects will ensure we are well positioned to meet the challenges of hosting the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, as identified within the *2032 Delivery Plan*. This includes major new public transport connections from the Sunshine Coast through to the Gold Coast, and a generational investment into road connections, including improving safety and accessibility on the Bruce Highway and improving safety and reliability on the M1 Pacific Motorway.

The delivery of this four-year program within *QTRIP 2025–26 to 2028–29* would not be possible without the collaboration and dedication of our partners, including local governments, industry stakeholders, and the broader community. We cannot achieve this alone and partnering with industry in shaping this program and ensuring its successful implementation is essential.

We have an ambitious journey ahead of us and I encourage all Queenslanders to explore the projects and initiatives outlined in *QTRIP 2025–26 to 2028–29* as we work towards a brighter, more connected Queensland. Together, we are building a transport network that will serve our state for generations to come.



Sally Stannard

Director-General

Department of Transport and Main Roads



Introduction



Overview

Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) designs, delivers and maintains transport infrastructure to connect communities in a sustainable, thriving and inclusive Queensland.

As well as meeting the statutory requirements set out in the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*, the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) provides transparency to the community, industry, government and organisations about current and planned investment. QTRIP investment spans road, rail, maritime, public transport and active transport infrastructure on freight, commuter and recreational networks and includes TMR's infrastructure investment as well as capital programs for Queensland Rail and Gold Coast Waterways Authority.

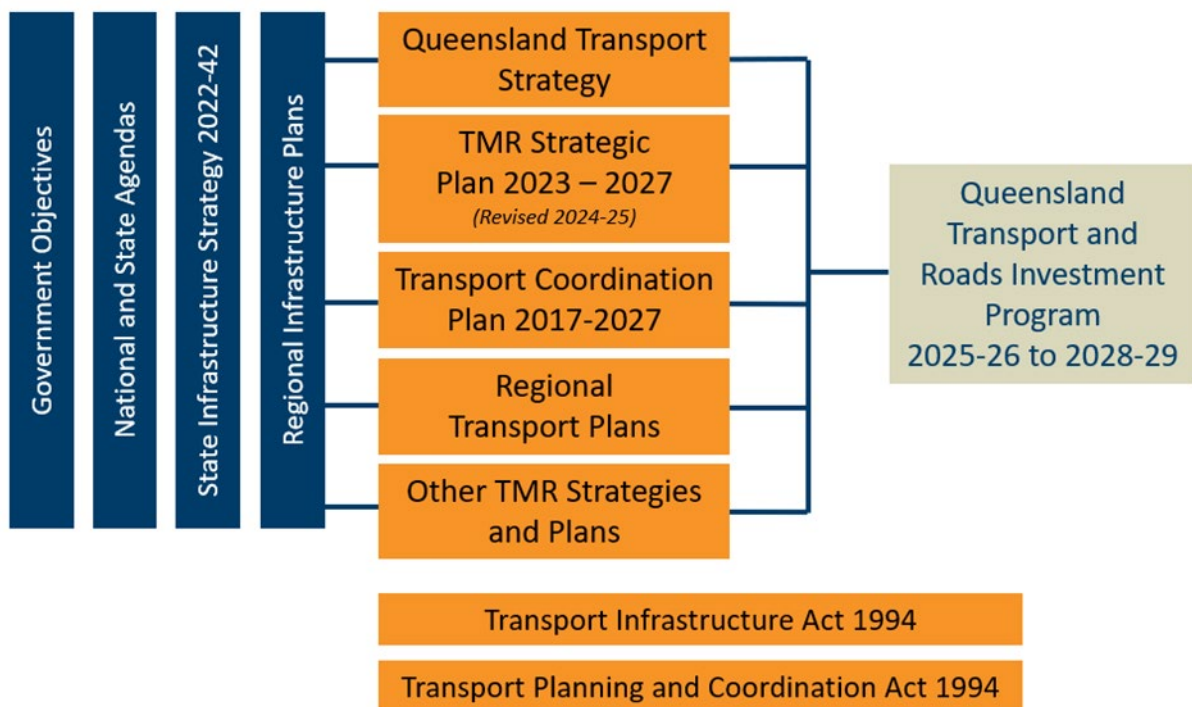
QTRIP is developed in accordance with funding allocations identified by the Australian Government and Queensland Government in their annual budgets, which align to both governments' policy objectives.



Strategic intent

National and state government policy objectives and agendas guide and shape the QTRIP's strategic intent. Various Queensland Government strategies and plans establish high-level transport objectives and strategic outcomes for the development of the QTRIP as outlined in Figure 1.


Figure 1: QTRIP guiding strategies and plans



Fast Facts




Total investment

 **\$41.7 billion**

 **25,000** Jobs supported

Investment by entity

 **\$36.4 billion** Transport and Main Roads

 **\$5.3 billion** Queensland Rail

 **\$21 million** Gold Coast Waterways Authority

Investment by mode ¹


 **\$25.5 billion** Roads

 **\$15.3 billion** Railways

 **\$227 million** Bus infrastructure

 **\$288 million** Active transport

 **\$262 million** Maritime

 **\$134 million** Multimodal and other infrastructure

See **Reference section** (Notes for Fast Facts) for further details.



Investment by funding source



\$29.2 billion Queensland Government/other funding



\$12.5 billion Australian Government

QTRIP highlights ²



\$5.6 billion Maintenance of the network ³



\$1.7 billion Targeted road safety initiatives ⁴



\$9 billion Bruce Highway Targeted Safety Program



\$5.75 billion Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail



\$4.869 billion Queensland Train Manufacturing Program



\$3.5 billion Coomera Connector (Stage 1), Coomera to Nerang



\$1.98 billion Rockhampton Ring Road



\$1 billion Inland Freight Route funding commitment



\$500 million Queensland Beef Corridors funding commitment

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