

# The year ahead

## Key programs and initiatives continuing in 2015–16 and beyond include:

- developing key strategies to shape the transport system for Queensland, including Queensland's Long-Term Transport Strategy, Regional Transport Plans, Queensland Cycle Strategy and Passenger Transport Strategy
- implementing *Moving Freight Actions*, including identification of infrastructure upgrades to facilitate high productivity vehicles across the freight network and mapping the flood immunity of the freight network (both road and rail)
- finalising investment strategies for the Peak Downs and Gregory Highways, Capricorn Highway, Flinders and Barkly Highways and the Brisbane to Gold Coast Transport Corridor
- reforming legislation including the *Transport and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2014* to simplify current mode-specific provisions to reflect more contemporary transport system practices in the department
- providing a gateway to the state's resource-rich Surat Basin with site preparation works for the \$1.6 billion Australian and Queensland Government-funded Toowoomba Second Range Crossing commencing in late 2015 with major construction works expected to commence in early 2016
- continuing works on the \$635 million Australian and Queensland Government-funded Warrego Highway Upgrade Program, including:
  - \$110 million duplication from two to four lanes at Nugent Pinch Road currently in delivery
  - \$36 million Brigalow – Chinchilla Upgrade expected to commence in August 2015
  - \$35 million Jingi Creek upgrade expected to commence early 2016
- providing work and training opportunities for Indigenous and local Cape York people through the \$260.5 million Cape York Region Package
- continuing work on the Bruce Highway Upgrade including:
  - (Cooroy to Curra) Section A (Cooroy southern interchange to Sankeys Road) with 7km of new four-lane highway between Cudgerie Drive and Sankeys Road, a new all-movements interchange north of Cooroy and new bridges over Skyring Creek and Gardners Road, expected to be completed by mid-2016
  - a new \$170 million elevated Bruce Highway crossing of the Yeppen Floodplain, south of Rockhampton, expected to open to traffic in early 2016
- embedding the customer experience approach within all departmental activities
- introducing additional online customer services such as:
  - a direct debit registration renewal scheme that allows customers to pay their registration
  - renewals by regular direct debit in smaller more manageable amounts
  - eTicketing for a range of infringements and registration transfers online
  - an electronic logbook for learner drivers and electronic notifications to customers
- commissioning a new vessel traffic decision support tool to assist in tracking, monitoring and managing the safe movement of ships in Queensland's ports as well as the environmentally significant waters of the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait
- promoting the use of Smartship Australia's port development simulation capabilities
- continuing to advance rail safety outcomes by driving rail research activities and leading rail safety projects, including chairing a national working group exploring best practice for existing and emerging level crossing technologies and coordinating a project to reduce road congestion around level crossings
- improving road safety by delivering life-saving initiatives in a new Queensland Road Safety Strategy and Action Plan, including in education, community engagement, enforcement, technology and a protective road environment
- undertaking a fare review of TransLink fares in south-east Queensland
- providing accessible passenger transport to local residents by implementing the Cape York and Gulf fare scheme
- commencing rail passenger services between Petrie and Kippa-Ring station on the Moreton Bay Rail Link
- continuing the \$4.156 billion New Generation Rollingstock project to deliver 75 new six-car train sets over the next five years for south-east Queensland, including maintenance facilities and services over 32 years
- delivering additional public transport infrastructure including Deception Bay – Bay Avenue Bus Station, Warrigal Road Green Link, Kawana Bus Station (stage 2) and Mains Road transit way stops.