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Bruce Highway North Corridor

Infrastructure Investment Program

As at 2025–26 Budget

Total AGC	\$1,674.0 million
Corridor Description	The Bruce Highway North Corridor is between Bowen and Cairns
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increasing freight efficiency• Increasing safety• Increasing flood immunity• Increasing capacity
Funding program	Investment Road and Rail – Infrastructure Investment Program
Transport mode	Road
State	QLD

Projects within the Bruce Highway North Corridor:

Bruce Highway - Burdekin Bridge

The project will rehabilitate the Burdekin River Bridge including major work on the steel girders, removal of red-lead paint, rust elimination, painting and deck resurfacing.

Bruce Highway - Gairloch Floodway - improved flood immunity

The project involves works to improve the flood immunity of the Bruce Highway at the Gairloch Floodway, north of Ingham.

Bruce Highway - Pavement Widening - South of Home Hill to Ingham

The project is a package of pavement widening and strengthening works, including wide centreline treatments and minor intersection works, at high priority sections of the Bruce Highway.

Bruce Highway - Cairns Southern Access Corridor - Robert Road to Foster Road

The project has upgraded the Bruce Highway from four lanes to six lanes between Robert Road and Foster Road, upgraded the Robert Road signalised intersection, and constructed a new service road on the eastern side of the highway. The project will also deliver a cycleway, and create a new connection to the Caleb Shang Bridge shared pathway.

Bruce Highway - Haughton River Floodplain Upgrade

The project has upgraded the 13.5 kilometre section of the Bruce Highway that traverses the Haughton River floodplain. The project has delivered an upgraded Haughton River bridge, two highway overpasses and nine rural intersection upgrades, and curve realignment.

Bruce Highway - Townsville Northern Access Intersections Upgrade

The project has duplicated 5.2km of the Bruce Highway between Pope and Veales Road, constructed a second bridge over Black River, as well as intersection upgrades at Church Road, and Mt Kulburn Drive and Brabon Road.

Bruce Highway - Babinda Intersection Upgrade

The project will deliver a signalised four-way intersection including pedestrian works at the intersection of Munro Street and the Bruce Highway in Babinda.

Bruce Highway - Cairns Southern Access - Stage 3 - Edmonton to Gordonvale

The project delivered a new alignment of the Bruce Highway between Edmonton and Gordonvale, including the Collinson Creek and Mulgrave River Bridge, upgraded intersections, a new cycle facility, and upgrade of the Queensland Rail Line and local roads.

Bruce Highway - Cairns Southern Access Corridor - Stage 4 - Kate to Aumuller

The project involved upgrading 2.6km of the Bruce Highway between Kate Street (renamed Links Drive) and Aumuller Street from a 4-lane dual carriage way to a 6-lane dual carriage way, and upgrades to Draper Street and Kenny Street.

Bruce Highway - Ingham to Cardwell Range Deviation - Plan and Preserve Corridor

The project will plan and preserve a corridor for a future deviation from the current highway between Ingham and Cardwell range, to increase flood immunity.

Bruce Highway - Burdekin Deviation - Plan and Preserve Corridor

The project will plan and preserve a corridor for the future construction of a deviation of Ayr, Brandon and Home Hill to avoid the safety, flooding, amenity, capacity and travel time impacts. Planning commenced in early 2022 and is ongoing.

Bruce Highway - Dallachy Road Flood Immunity Upgrade

The project will upgrade the Bruce Highway between Dallachy Road and Dean Road.

Bruce Highway - Innisfail Bypass - Plan and Preserve Corridor

The project will undertake planning for a future bypass of Innisfail to increase the safety and efficiency of the Bruce Highway.

Bruce Highway - Townsville Ring Road - Stage 5

The project has delivered the duplication of 6 kilometres of the Townsville Ring Road on the Bruce Highway, as well as the construction of a new interchange at local road, Beck Drive.

Bruce Highway - Cairns Southern Access - Stage 5

The project will deliver a grade separated upgrade at the Bruce Highway and Foster Road intersection.