

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Flinders Highway to be wider and safer, with major upgrades underway

Works to widen the Flinders Highway at Mingela and Sellheim, between Townsville and Torrens Creek, are underway.

Transport and Main Roads Director-General Neil Scales said the project, jointly funded under the Northern Australia Roads Program, was funding the installation of a wide centreline treatment.

“Through the Northern Australia Roads Program, we’re delivering vital upgrades to improve transport networks and support economic development,” Mr Scales said.

“The Flinders Highway works will improve safety, travel times and conditions for tourism and supply vehicles.”

Projects under the \$600 million Northern Australia Roads Program are funded by the Australian and State governments on an 80:20 basis.

The Flinders Highway widening project is expected to cost \$17 million, with the Australian Government contributing \$13.6 million and the Queensland Government contributing \$3.4 million.

Mr Scales said two intersections would be upgraded in conjunction with the widening works.

“We are also installing dedicated right-turning lanes from the Flinders Highway at the Dotswood Road/Mingela Road intersection, improving safety,” he said.

“As part of a separate project, \$1.3 million of Safer Roads Sooner funding is being supplied to upgrade the School Street intersection.

The Flinders Highway works are expected to be completed in mid 2019, weather permitting.

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