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Access to Gladstone Port Project

The Access to Gladstone Port Project will provide an alternate route for heavy vehicles accessing the port, increasing freight efficiency and improving safety for all road users, by easing the impact of trucks travelling on surrounding local roads.

About the project

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is undertaking a project to provide an alternate route for heavy vehicles accessing the Port of Gladstone to support the long-term economic development and liveability of Gladstone.

The port is experiencing continued and substantial growth in activity, which is driving an increase in traffic on the nearby road network, shared by both heavy vehicles and everyday traffic.

Given the port is surrounded by Gladstone's city centre and inner suburbs, managing the ongoing increase in heavy vehicle movements with general traffic is essential.

The project will provide a key link for heavy vehicles travelling from highways including the Bruce Highway, Dawson Highway and Capricorn Highway to the Gladstone Port Access Road which offers direct entry to Port Central.

The project is currently in the planning phase and two route options are being assessed.

The two options are:

- **Option A:** identifies the Gladstone-Mount Larcom Road corridor as a potential access route for targeted upgrades. Upgrading this existing road corridor would provide the key link needed for freight movements servicing Gladstone's industrial estate while diverting heavy vehicles away from residential areas.
- **Option B:** identifies a new Gladstone Port Access Road corridor and Blain Drive corridor (a local government road) as a potential access route for targeted upgrades. This option involves a new road corridor running parallel to the Dawson Highway to act as a dedicated freight link, to remove heavy vehicles from local roads and provide the most direct route to and from the port. This option was identified in 2013 as part of planning for Gladstone Port Access Road Extension (GPARE) Stage 2 and 3.



Have your say Help shape the solution

Feedback is invited on the two route options identified and your experiences using the roads in and around the project area. We would also like to know more about what is important to people who live and work nearby.

TMR values community feedback and will use the information to inform the selection of a preferred route option and define what targeted road upgrades are needed. Your comments will also shape the way we engage with you and how we can best involve the community and other key stakeholders throughout the life of the project.

Project web page

A dedicated project web page is available on the TMR website, offering a place to find the latest information.

The web page delivers a visual understanding of the project and provides the opportunity for visitors to share their thoughts about the project, the route options and what is most important to them.

Project survey

Have your say by using the online interactive map at <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/accessgladstoneport> or by completing a hardcopy survey. To request a copy please contact the project team (details on back page).

Consultation on the planning phase is open until the end of October 2020.

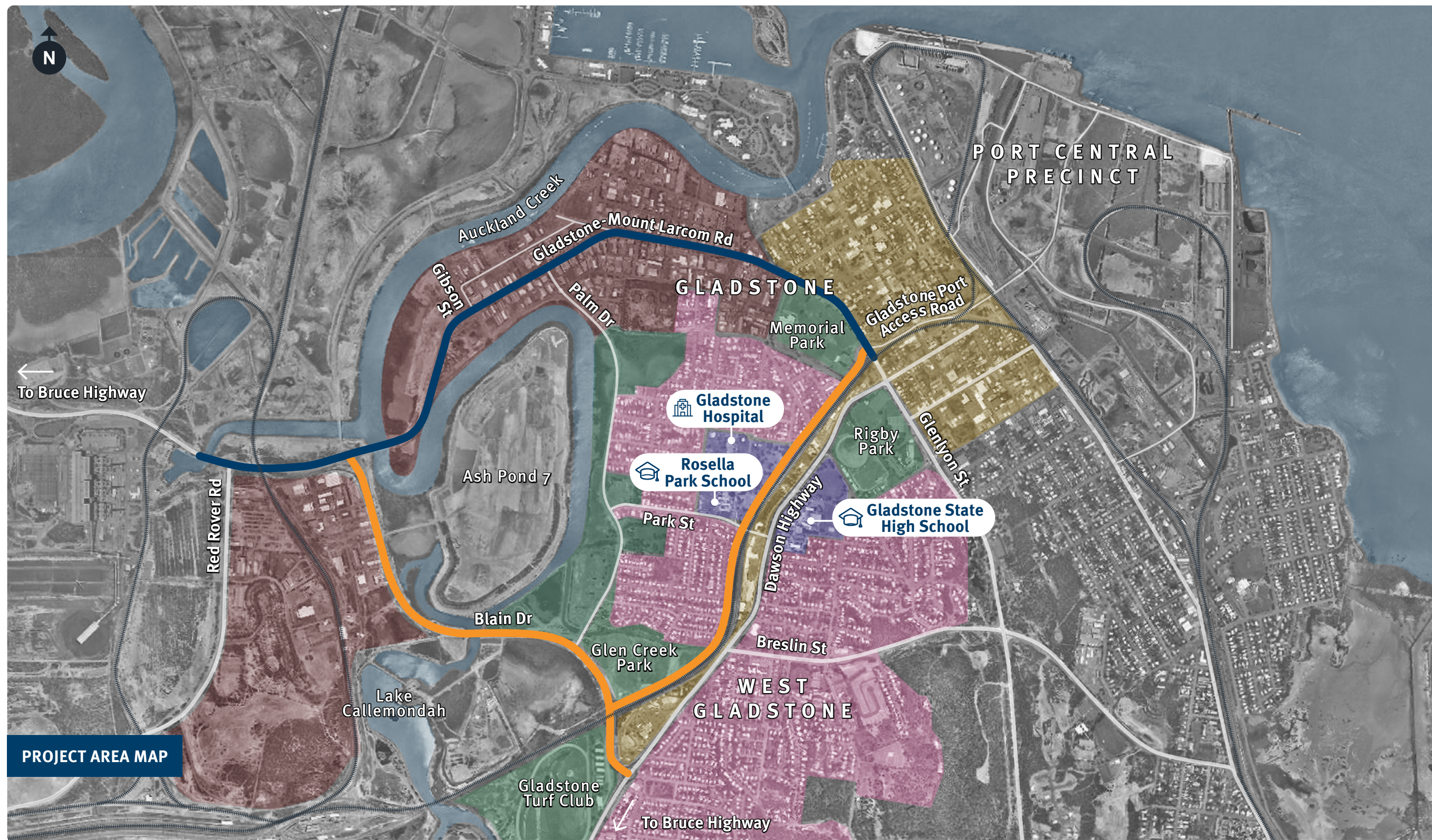


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Route options

- Option A:** Identifies the Gladstone-Mount Larcom Road corridor as a potential access route for targeted upgrades.
- Option B:** Identifies a new Gladstone Port Access Road corridor and Blain Drive corridor (a local government road) as a potential access route for targeted upgrades. This option was identified in 2013 as part of planning for Gladstone Port Access Road Extension (GPARE) Stage 2 and 3.

Project planning

The planning phase of this project is underway. Several possible options were carefully considered and refined against strict selection criteria, which aligned with the project objectives. This filtering process narrowed down the options to Option A and B, which are being progressed for further investigation and community feedback. Activities that will take place during the planning phase include:

- community consultation
- transport modelling and analysis
- studying accident history and congestion hot spots
- environmental and cultural heritage investigations
- engineering investigations
- assessments on geometry, public utility plant, geotechnical conditions, hydraulics and hydrology, acoustics, structures and pavement investigations.

The end product of the planning phase is the project's Business Case, that will report the results of the planning phase and will outline the preferred option and why it was chosen.

It is expected the Business Case will be completed and approved in early 2021.

Project funding

The Australian Government has committed \$2 million to fully fund the current planning works and \$100 million to deliver the Access to Gladstone Port Project.

It is anticipated the project's future design and construction would be funded on an 80:20 basis by the Australian and Queensland governments.

Project benefits

The project will deliver broad-scale benefits to industry, the national freight network, local communities and commuters including:

- improved freight efficiency of heavy vehicles travelling to the port
- increased safety for road users by reducing conflict between heavy vehicles and local traffic
- improved traffic flow by easing congestion
- enhanced connectivity between the Gladstone city, the Gladstone State Development Area (GSDA) and the nearby highway network including the Bruce Highway, Dawson Highway and Capricorn Highway.

Contact us

To receive project updates, contact the project team on:

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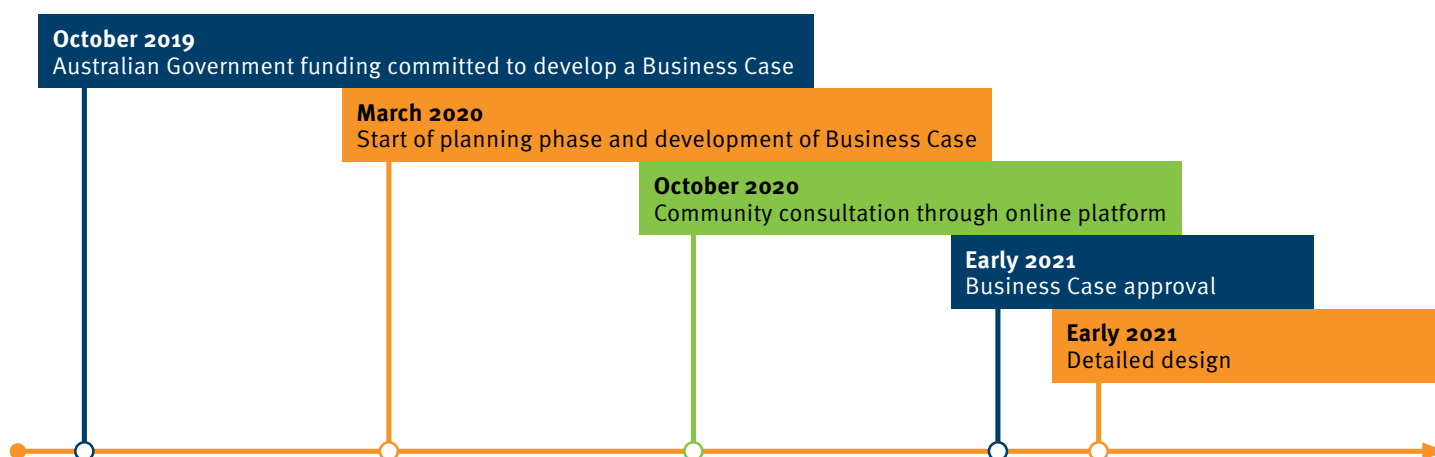
Visit: <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/accessgladstoneport> or scan the QR code with your smart phone to be taken directly to the project web page.

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Project timeline*



* Timeline is indicative and is subject to negotiations with the Australian and Queensland governments.