



## Road safety upgrades to support growth

### Roads and Infrastructure (urban)

Safety and growth are the key drivers for one of Bundaberg Regional Council's 2024–25 budget highlights, with a capital program that prioritises essential services.

Funded in this year's budget is the Hughes Road and Blain Street intersection upgrade in Bargara, set to be completed by 2025.

Roads and Infrastructure (urban) portfolio spokesperson Cr Larine Statham-Blair said the works would support safe access to the growth area, while maintaining the efficiency of the road network.

"The intersection will be upgraded to a roundabout in response to the ongoing development along Hughes Road and the planned extension of Blain Street further west," she said.

"This upgrade will ensure a safe intersection for all road users, featuring priority crossings for pedestrians and cyclists.

"This will enhance connectivity for active modes of transport between new developments and the Bargara main centre."

The Hughes Road and Blain Street intersection upgrade has funding under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, which supports local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects in the region, creating jobs and long-lasting benefits for communities.

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Cr Statham-Blair said it was a significant project which was identified in the Bargara Emerging Communities Infrastructure Planning (ECIP) initiative.

"The ECIP project received accolades in 2023, including the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (QNT) Innovation and Sustainability in Water award and the Stormwater Queensland Excellence in Strategic or Master Planning award," she said.

"This is an example of how Council's comprehensive approach to infrastructure planning ensures that essential infrastructure such as roads and pathways continue to meet the community's needs while preparing for future growth and sustainability."

The Hughes Road and Blain Street intersection upgrade is part of the \$114.2m capital budget handed down on 28 June.