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Funding fix for Kenmore Roundabout and Everton Link Park Road

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Minister for Transport and Main Roads

The Honourable Mark Bailey

A new plan to fix the notorious Kenmore Roundabout is closer to reality thanks to a \$12.5 million Palaszczuk Government commitment.

Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said Moggill Road motorists knew all too well how easily the roundabout could come to a standstill, particularly at peak times.

"The Palaszczuk Government will invest \$3.3 billion in transport and roads projects across Brisbane over the next four years, with some of that funding going towards fixing the Kenmore Roundabout as part of our plan to invest in better suburban roads," Mr Bailey said.

"Not only is it a gateway to growing communities further west, the roundabout sits between a school, shops and the entrance to the increasingly busy Kenmore Village shopping centre.

"The volume of traffic passing through it today demands action and that is what the western suburbs will get with this upgrade."

Minister Bailey said the Department of Transport and Main Roads completed a planning study in late 2018 looking at upgrades to the roundabout after the project was ignored by the Newman LNP Government.

That study identified a preferred option to replace the Kenmore roundabout with a re-designed intersection with traffic lights, including safety improvements for cyclists and pedestrians at the Moggill and Brookfield Roads intersection.

Minister Bailey confirmed the government would match the Federal Government's \$12.5 million election pledge to fix the roundabout, meaning there was now \$25 million committed to the project.

He said the Palaszczuk Government would seek agreement on the next steps for the upgrade with the Federal Government, including design and construction timeframes.

Meanwhile, a solution to congestion on South Pine Road at Everton Park is a step closer with tenders sought to build the \$26 million Everton Park Link Road.

Minister Bailey said works were expected to start on the project early next year.

"We committed to building this road after it was shelved by Tim Mander and the LNP," Mr Bailey said.

"With works well underway on safety improvements to South Pine Road at Halle Street, we're taking the next step towards building a new link road that will get people home sooner and safer.

"We've taken on board feedback from residents and local businesses to make sure we can maximise the benefit of this new road."

The completed design includes new access to the homemaker centre, active transport options with connections to the Kedron Brook Bikeway and new pedestrian facilities.

It will also ban right turns from South Pine Road into Stafford Road during morning peak hours, providing extra 'green time' for other movements at the intersection.

The project is stage one of a two-stage plan to improve traffic flow and safety at the intersection of Stafford and South Pine Road.

For further information, go to www.tmr.qld.gov.au (<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/>), and search for 'Everton Park Link Road'.

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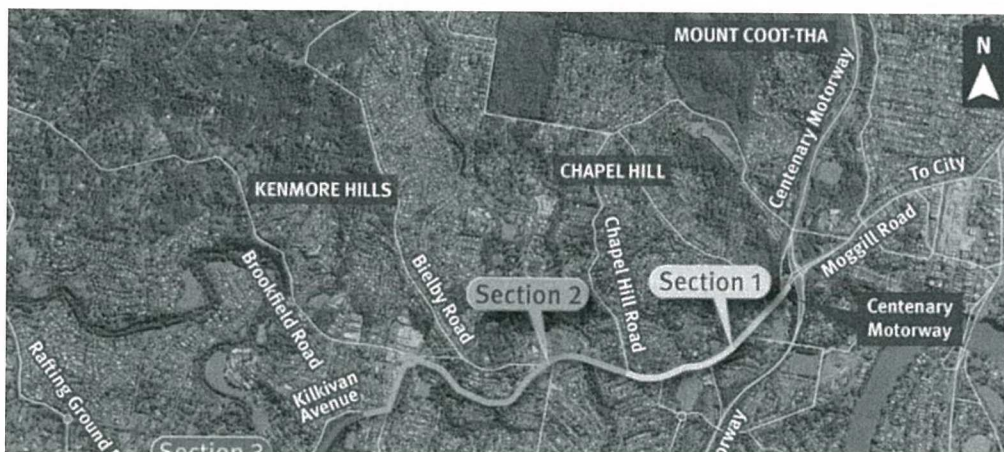
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It's a positive step that the state government has withdrawn funding from the Kenmore Roundabout upgrade (which 94% of the community rejected), and are instead investing that money into establishing separated bike lanes on Moggill Rd.

This is one of the many things that will need to be done to fix the problems of traffic congestion and safety on Moggill Rd. The more people able to ride their bikes, the less cars on the road, and the less traffic there is for those who need to drive.

Transport and Main Roads have just opened public consultation about this new project, so go have your say here: <https://www.yoursay-projects.tmr.qld.gov.au/moggill-road-cycleway>

All levels of government now need to come to the table to provide a fully connected, separated bike lane, along with a serious investment in public transport solutions. I'll be working hard to make sure the \$12.5 million in federal money already committed to the Kenmore Roundabout is reallocated to this project.



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