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### **Design complete for new Deception Bay Road overpass**

Today we're a step closer to bridging the gap between communities with the Department of Transport and Main Roads completing the design for a new bridge over the Bruce Highway at Deception Bay Road.

Main Roads Minister Craig Wallace said the new bridge would improve safety for all road users and help to accommodate increased traffic flow in the region.

"Safety is my department's number one priority and this design will provide a safer, free-flowing road environment for all road users including motorists, pedestrians and cyclists in the area," Mr Wallace said.

The new bridge is part of the proposed future Deception Bay Road upgrade project which will involve duplicating Deception Bay Road from two to four lanes, between the Bruce Highway and Lipscombe Road, and upgrading the intersections of Priests Road, Zammit Street, Krause Street, Warroo Drive, Tallagon Court and Lipscombe Road.

"The department has completed the detailed design for the new overpass independently of the broader upgrade, in recognition of the importance of safety and congestion issues on the existing bridge," he said.

"The overpass will have an additional two through lanes and a right turn lane in each direction, and will include a new footpath/cycleway separated from traffic by a concrete barrier," Mr Wallace said.

The new bridge will have a 6.5m clearance, 1.1m higher than the existing one, to accommodate high load vehicles on the Bruce Highway.

Mr Wallace thanked the local members for their representations on behalf of the community.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mary-Anne O'Neill, Dean Wells and Mark Ryan for their hard work and representations on behalf of their communities and bringing this project to the forefront."

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