

Mains + Kessels Road intersection upgrade from the Queensland Government.

Full details on the road changes can be found at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/mainskessels

November 2011 - Early works and preparations are underway for major construction works to upgrade the intersection at Mains and Kessels roads, McGregor. The first stage of the construction will begin in late January 2012 and the whole project will be completed by mid-2014, weather permitting.

The \$300 million project is being funded by the Australian Government's National Building Program and is aimed at improving road safety and efficiency at one of Brisbane's busiest intersections.

The project will provide a short underpass beneath Mains Road for Kessels Road traffic with improved turn and intersection lanes, new provisions and priority for buses on Mains Road, and improved connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists within the project boundary.

Boulderstone Queensland, supported by designers Parsons Brinckerhoff, have been selected as the contractor to design and construct the intersection upgrade. Detailed design for the entire project will be completed by mid-2012.

KBR (Kellogg Brown and Root) have been selected to provide contract administration for the project.

PROJECT BENEFITS

This upgrade will deliver travel and safety benefits for all road users including:

- Improved travel times and traffic flow by separating Kessels Road traffic from Mains Road
- Reduced delays and congestion
- Improved safety and reliability
- Reduced vehicle operating costs
- Extended life of the intersection to cater for traffic growth

- Improved provision for cyclists (on-road and off-road)
- Improved amenity for the local community through enhanced urban design
- Reduced local exhaust emissions and noise levels around the intersection.

EARLY WORKS

To minimise impacts and ensure the project gets off to a flying start, some early works have already been completed and some off-road activities are now underway.

Early works completed include:

- Geotechnical investigations
- Public utilities investigations
- Signalisation and safety improvements at the intersection of Mains Road and Omeo Street
- Clearing of the former service station site on the south-west corner of the Mains Road and Kessels Road intersection.

Off-road activities now underway include:

- Removal of resumed residential and commercial buildings at the intersection of Mains & Kessels and near Grout and Benaud streets
- Installation of retaining walls
- Relocation of some underground services
- Establishment of a construction site yard and office
- Establishment of an on-site project Visitor Centre.

START-UP TIMELINES

- Late 2011 – off-road site preparations
- 2011/12 (December to January) holiday season no major works to occur in front of businesses from Mains Road to Grout Street
- Early 2012 – Stage one construction starts on the northern side of Kessels Road.

On an average weekday Kessels Road carries about 50,000 vehicles and Mains Road carries about 40,000.

Of these about 7,000 are heavy vehicles. Mains road is also a major route for public transport buses.

The improved intersection will cater for future traffic growth for the next 20 years.

VISITORS CENTRE

A Visitor Centre at the site office on the corner of Mains Road and Kessels Road will open by early 2012. This will provide a point of contact for the community to meet project staff and share information.

You're invited to learn about road building, the innovative processes to keep traffic flowing during construction, ensuring safety for our workers and road users, protecting the environment and maintaining access for businesses and residents.

Please contact the project team if you:

- Would like more information about the project
- Are interested in booking a group visit to the Visitors Centre

The Visitors Centre will be open from 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public Holidays)

For more information visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au/mainskessels

Traffic updates: 131940 or visit www.131940.qld.gov.au

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