

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Rehabilitation work for Esk's main street

Design work is underway on road surface improvements to Esk's main street.

The project on a one-kilometre section of the Brisbane Valley Highway, known locally as Ipswich Street, is part of the Australian and Queensland governments' \$415 million economic stimulus package.

Transport and Main Roads North Coast Regional Director Scott Whitaker said \$5.5 million would be spent on strengthening and resilience works on the highway through the Esk township.

"The works in Esk are part of a larger stimulus package to support infrastructure construction jobs across Queensland by delivering projects and priority safety works," Mr Whitaker said.

"The works would provide a smoother road surface and safer driving conditions for more than 5000 motorists who travelled along this section of the Brisbane Valley Highway each day.

"The Brisbane Valley Highway is a main connector that links the Warrego and D'Aguilar Highways, and Esk is a popular destination for tourists to the region."

Mr Whitaker said the project would involve rehabilitating the section between Gatton Esk Road and east of Richard and Barbour streets.

"The Brough Bridge deck over Sandy Creek will also be replaced and improvements made to the Middle Street intersection with installation of a dedicated, right-turn lane," he said.

Transport and Main Roads will engage with key stakeholders and the community as design progresses. Construction is anticipated to start in mid-2021, weather and construction scheduling permitting.

This project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments, with the Commonwealth contributing \$4.4 million and the Queensland Government contributing \$1.1 million.

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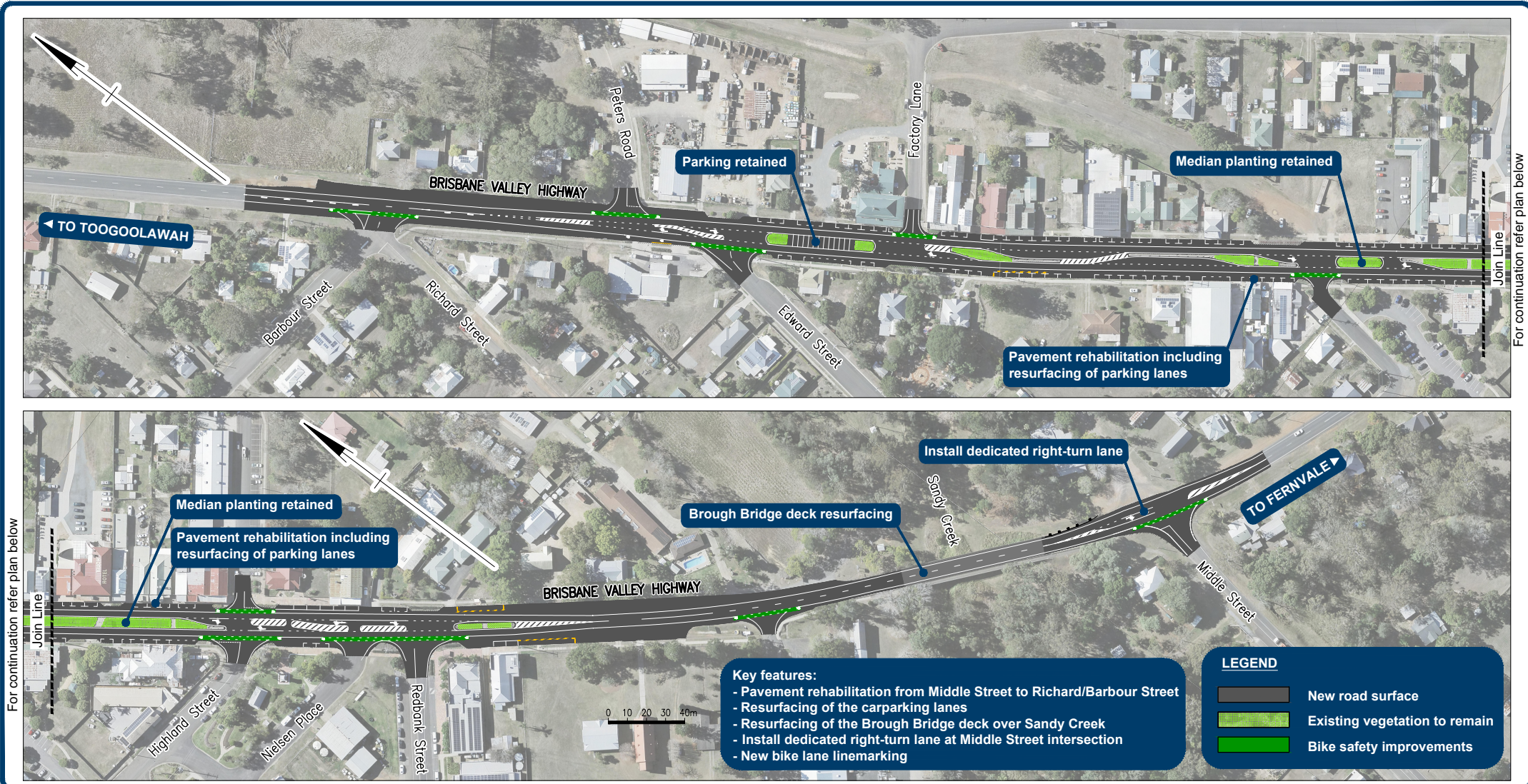


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Proposed design: Ipswich Street between Middle Street and Barbour Street, Esk

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