

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Saunders Street guardrails to be upgraded

South Townsville motorists are set for safer driving with the \$2.5 million installation of new guard rails on the Saunders Street overpass as part of the Queensland Government's Targeted Road Safety Program.

Transport and Main Roads (TMR) North Queensland acting Regional Director Stephen Mallows said the project would install the guard rails along both sides of Saunders Street between Boundary Street and Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

"The overpass approaches on this section have steep embankments and upgrading the guard rails will help reduce the risk of serious crashes on our network," Mr Mallows said.

"The new guard rails will be of increased height and will meet the latest road safety specifications."

Mr Mallows said the guard-rail replacement works would start today (30 May), taking about five weeks to complete.

"Construction will be carried out daily between 7am and 5pm," he said.

"Limited night works may also occur based on the construction requirements.

"For motorist safety, lane closures will be in place for the duration of the works and the speed will be reduced to 40km/h."

Mr Mallows said motorists should expect delays when travelling on Saunders Street during the works, particularly during peak hours.

"There are other works happening around the road network as well, including the \$5 million renovation program at the nearby Rooney's Bridge where vehicle load limits are in place," he said.

"It's a busy time on our roads so please plan your journey and allow additional travel time."

Mr Mallows said the Saunders Street guard-rail works had been planned around stadium events, including North Queensland Cowboys NRL games.

"While speed restrictions will remain in place, all lanes will be open during game days, ensuring that fans can get to and from the game safely and with minimal delays," he said.

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