

City of Ipswich

Ripley Road and Fischer Road Upgrades

Community feedback summary

April 2025



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Ripley Valley is one of the largest urban growth areas in Australia. Council will be upgrading Ripley Road and Fischer Road in a staged approach to support this growing community. These upgrades aim to:

- support population growth through increased capacity
- improve road safety for all users
- improve traffic flow to minimise congestion
- support future public and active transport needs.

Works will include upgrading Ripley Road to a four-lane median divided urban road. These upgrades will take place between the Cunningham Highway and Fischer Road (approximately 2.6km inclusive of all intersections).

The upgrade also includes Fischer Road from Nevis Road to Monterea Road. This road will become a

two-lane urban road (approximately 750m inclusive of all intersections).

The community has had the opportunity to share feedback on this project via Shape Your Ipswich. Community engagement has been open since 23 January 2024 and will remain open for the duration of the project. This summary will share findings from feedback captured in the first year (23 January 2024 – 23 January 2025).

Engagement for the upgrades to Ripley Road and Fischer Road aims to:

- raise awareness of planned road works in the area and why they are occurring
- understand community reaction to the planned works.

It is noted that during this period, minimal feedback has been received. Therefore, the feedback outlined in this summary is not necessarily considered representative of the broader community.

ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Engagement overview

The community was able to contribute their feedback via a survey on the project page, [Ripley Road and Fischer Road Upgrade](#), hosted on Shape Your Ipswich. This page has been viewed by 2,619 unique visitors of which 15 have contributed feedback between 23 January 2024 – 23 January 2025.

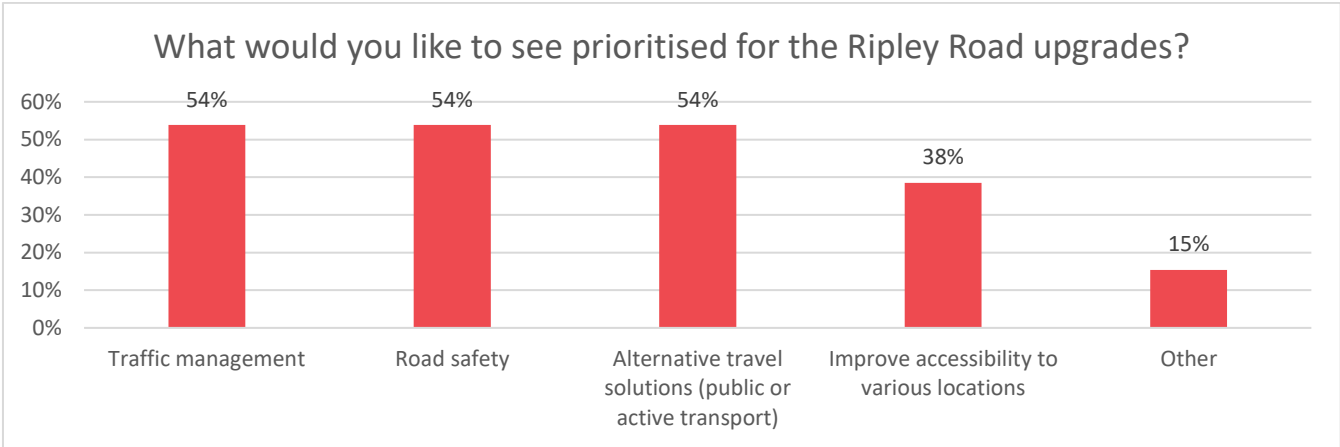
Community feedback

A summary of the feedback received has been outlined below.

What would you like to see prioritised for the Ripley Road upgrades?

13 respondents provided an answer to this question. Respondents could select multiple answers. Overall, 54% of respondents wanted to see traffic management, road safety and alternative travel solutions prioritised on Ripley Road. Those who selected 'Other' provided the below feedback:

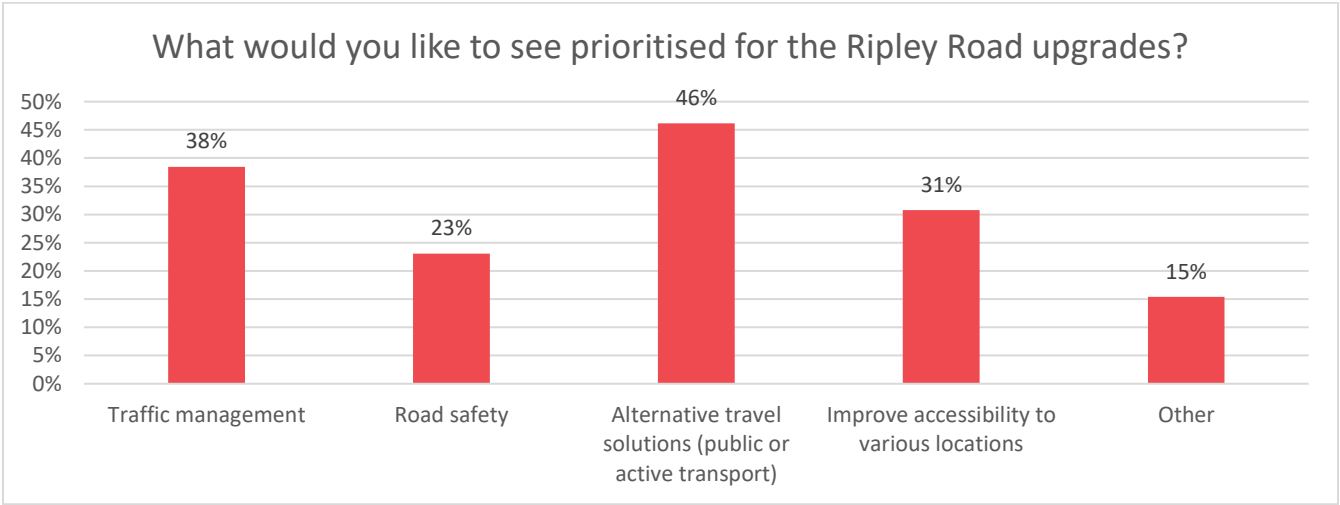
- "Extensive tree planting along the sides of the road and tree planting in a nature strip dividing the lanes"
- "ICC should be negotiating with QLD State Gov to improve the safety of the Cunningham Hwy offramp here. Convert to two lanes would solve traffic parked on the highway unsafe."



What would you like to see prioritised for the Fischer Road upgrades?

13 respondents provided an answer to this question. Respondents could select multiple answers. Overall, 46% of respondents wanted to see alternative travel solutions prioritised on Fischer Road. This was closely followed by traffic management (38%) and improving accessibility to various locations (31%). Those who selected 'Other' provided the below feedback:

- “Extensive tree planting along the sides of the road”
- “Need a bridge so the road doesn’t flood every time it rains”



Please share any other feedback on this project

9 respondents provided an answer to this question. Feedback provided was consistent across three themes shown below.

Theme	Detail
Public and active transport	Comments suggested more facilities to promote public and active transport. This included protected bike and bus lanes, more safe pathways to improve overall connectivity, and adding more tree coverage to improve walking/cycling experience.
Safety	Comments raised concerns for safety with current state of the roads, requesting road upgrades to slow down traffic in certain areas,

	improve the Cunningham Highway offramp, and add infrastructure improvements to handle traffic more effectively.
Communication	Comments highlighted residents felt uninformed of the project and were seeking more information and opportunities to engage.

Council response

To date, community feedback has either supported planned works or influenced the project as outlined below:

- Community engagement was initially planned to run for a month (23 January 2024 – 23 February 2024). However, community requests for more opportunities to engage led to the decision of keeping engagement channels open for the duration of the project.
- When receiving project-related questions, updates have been made to the Shape Your Ipswich page to provide greater transparency and improve understanding of the project. This has included adding additional FAQs and improving legibility of the preliminary design.
- Comments have supported the planned incorporation of new trees/greenery along both Ripley Road and Fischer Road. This has been reflected in the preliminary design of the road upgrades which in turn is in line with the Ipswich Landscaping guidelines.
- The comment regarding including a bridge is noted, however the design includes raised sections of the road and improved drainage which also achieves the same outcome of limiting flooding of Ripley and Fischer Roads.
- The Cunningham Highway offramp is under the control of TMR and as such outside of the scope of this project.
- The project includes the upgrading of the current single lane each way to dual carriageways and signalised intersections which will improve traffic flow.