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Stage 1: Ripley Road between Cunningham Highway and Montereia Road

May 2026

Ripley Valley is one of the largest urban growth regions in Australia, forecast to ultimately be home to a quarter of Ipswich's population. As the main link in providing access to the Cunningham and Centenary Highways, Ripley Road is integral to connecting the western corridor to Brisbane. To cater for increased and future growth, sections of Ripley Road and Fischer Road will be upgraded to increase capacity and travel efficiencies for road users. The project is being delivered in three stages, with Stage 1 currently underway.

STAGE 1 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction on Stage 1 of the Ripley Road and Fischer Road Upgrade is progressing well, with works underway on Ripley Road between the Cunningham Highway and Montereia Road.

This major upgrade will improve safety, increase road capacity and support continued growth in the Ripley Valley.

Since commencing works onsite in early 2026, the project team has completed a range of early works to safely establish the construction zone and maintain traffic movements along Ripley Road.

The early works included temporary widening of Ripley Road in the Stage 1 works area, the installation of temporary line marking and traffic barriers, and a realignment of traffic.

Together, these changes have enabled the creation of a dedicated work zone separated from live traffic. This approach allows construction teams to carry out permanent works for the new northbound lanes offline from traffic, helping to minimise disruption for road users.

Construction of the new northbound lanes will continue through to August 2026.

In the second half of 2026, traffic will be realigned onto the newly completed northbound lanes. This will open a new work area to enable construction of the southbound lanes as the next phase of works progresses.



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PUBLIC UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE RELOCATION WORKS

Relocating and upgrading existing underground and overhead services is a critical component of the project to support the widening of Ripley Road and increased demand associated with population growth.

Energex continues to relocate power poles and electrical infrastructure to accommodate the wider carriageway. In the coming months, additional service relocations will take place, including water, telecommunications and gas services.

The project team works closely with utility providers to coordinate these works and ensure essential services continue during relocation activities.

If service outages are required to complete these works, affected property owners will be notified in advance by the relevant service provider. Where possible, outages are scheduled during lower usage periods, such as overnight, to minimise disruption to residents and businesses.

To safely complete road crossings, disconnections and new service connections, limited night works and localised traffic control changes may be required along Ripley Road and at nearby intersections. Impacted residents will be notified ahead of these works.



DRAINAGE WORKS

Upgrades to the stormwater drainage infrastructure will commence from May 2026. These works will include the installation of concrete base slabs and precast box culverts to support the upgraded road corridor.

The drainage upgrades are an important part of the project and will improve flood resilience while ensuring the road network can operate effectively during storm events.

WHAT'S NEXT:

STAGE 2 EARLY WORKS

In late 2026, early works for Stage 2 are expected to commence on Ripley Road between Montereia Road and Fischer Road.

These early works will include vegetation clearing and topsoil stripping, relocation of public utility services, and temporary road widening and line marking.

These activities will allow for the establishment of a new work zone behind barriers, creating space for construction of the future northbound lanes. Further updates will be provided to the community as Stage 2 works approach.

THANK YOU

The project team apologises for any inconvenience during these works and appreciates your patience and understanding as we construct this vital infrastructure for the region.

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