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Sunshine Coast Council investing in safer roads

Sunshine Coast Council is expected to allocate more than \$14.5 million towards the resealing and rehabilitation of roads in the 2011/2012 financial year.

At a recent special budget meeting on the infrastructure needs of the Sunshine Coast, roads were an important part of the discussions.

Financial Management and Business Portfolio Councillor Chris Thompson said although the figure hasn't been finalised, the resealing and rehabilitation of roads is a priority for council.

"Each year council works on more than 115 kilometres of roads – doing reseals, substantial repairs or upgrades," Cr Thompson said.

"Quality roads are an important part of delivering a sustainable economy and creating jobs.

"This is about working together to deliver more for the whole region.

"The resealing and rehabilitation of roads are an important part of council's 10-year, \$1.25 billion capital works program.

"The 10-year plan is aligned with the long term financial model and Financial Sustainability Plan to ensure funding is available to support the projects.

"This approach also provides clarity and alignment with council strategies."

Timely intervention through these works will extend the life of the assets and avoid costly major reconstruction.

More than 3000 projects have been identified over the life of the program, and more will be added according to the needs of the region.

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