About the project

The Sippy Downs Drive Upgrade project includes:

- the duplication of traffic lanes in both directions along Sippy Downs Drive to enable four lanes of traffic (two each way)
- changing the existing roundabout at University Way/Sippy Downs Drive to become a four-way signalised intersection
- creating a new four-way signalised intersection at Sippy Downs Drive Service Road/Sippy Downs Drive/’W-street’
- upgrading the Sippy Downs Service Road to work with the new signalised intersection including the re-alignment of the centre and western exits and adjusting the eastern entry/exit to be a one-way entry and cul-de-sac
- new street lighting
- increasing the number and density of trees in the landscaped buffer between the Sippy Downs Service Road and Sippy Downs Drive (staged over multiple years)
- public art and placemaking as part of an entry statement.

Construction update

Construction is progressing well on the Sippy Downs Drive Upgrade between the Sunshine Motorway and Siena Catholic College. As at June 2019 more than 50% of construction is complete.

Despite the recent prolonged period of wet weather, the project remains on target for completion by December 2019 (weather and site conditions permitting).

Council must also coordinate with the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads’ (DTMR) construction timetable for upgrade works to the motorway on and off ramps.

Work to date

New Sippy Downs Drive road lanes and service relocations/upgrades

Most of construction to date has focused on the road widening and realignment of Sippy Downs Drive, along with extensive service relocations. Services include water main, stormwater, power and telecommunications networks.

A note from your local councillor

I would like to thank the Sippy Downs and broader community for your patience to date during construction. We’re over the half-way mark.

Thank you also to the Sippy Downs & District Community Association for sharing the project’s regular construction updates on your website.

Once complete, Sippy Downs Drive will be safer and easier to navigate as well as providing a more attractive entry experience to our community.

Cr Christian Dickson, Division 6
It is expected that construction of the two new east-bound road lanes will be completed by mid August 2019.

Vehicle traffic will then be ‘flipped’ onto the two new road lanes while the two current (old) road lanes are temporarily closed and upgraded.

Once complete, the four new road lanes will be opened to traffic.

Future work

The project team will continue to work hard to keep the project progressing as quickly and safely as possible.

Construction will continue during the day and night with changed traffic conditions remaining to maintain the safety of road users, the local community and construction workers.

The next stages of major construction include:

**Sippy Downs Drive - University Way intersection (June 2019 – December 2019)**

- new road pavement, median islands, kerbing and footpath
- new traffic signals
- new lighting
- new landscaping

**Sippy Downs Drive west-bound lanes construction (June 2019 – December 2019)**

- new road pavement, median islands kerbing and footpath
- new traffic signals at Sippy Downs Drive Service Rd
- new lighting
- new landscaping

The construction team will then progress the final stages of construction including:

- installation of lighting poles and lights
- commissioning of traffic signals
- road asphalting (road resurfacing)
- line marking
- installation of public art and placemaking entry statement elements

All work is subject to weather and site conditions.

What to expect during construction

Council is making every effort to minimise construction impacts to the local community however the following conditions will continue throughout the project:

- changed traffic conditions – reduced speed limits, temporary lane closures, traffic and pedestrian realignments, traffic control
- increased heavy vehicle movements
- construction noise
- night works

The project team will continue to liaise with directly affected residents, the school, university and local businesses to inform them of specific construction activities, timeframes and impacts.

**A new welcome to Sippy Downs**

As part of the project, a stunning new installation is set to create a striking entry statement at the corner of Sippy Downs Drive and University Way.

Council recently partnered with the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) and community stakeholders to create a striking design which pays tribute to the area’s natural beauty and knowledge capabilities.

The special Place Co-lab initiative, saw USC students, council’s placemaking team and community representatives attend workshops for two-months to develop the detailed proposal.

More information and images will be included in future construction updates.

*Figure 3. Place Co-lab participants*

**Further information**

For further information about the Sippy Downs Drive Upgrade project, please visit the website at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au (search for Sippy Downs Drive Upgrade) or contact the project team on:

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Or council’s customer service team on (07) 5475 7272 (please quote Sippy Downs Drive project).