Brisbane City Council
Budget 2017: $1b to be spent fixing local roads

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A THIRD of the Brisbane City Council’s upcoming $3 billion budget will be dedicated towards improving the city’s road network.

Ahead of the release of the budget tomorrow, Lord Mayor Graham Quirk this morning said the council would spend $1 billion on tackling traffic congestion and building smoother streets.

That funding will include 39 major road projects, more than 250 minor projects and the resurfacing of 650 streets.

$223 million will be allocated to the Kingsford Smith Drive upgrade. Picture: Peter Wallis

“Over the coming year, some major milestones will be achieved in Council’s package of road projects attacking congestion, with works commencing on the much anticipated $127 million upgrade to Brisbane’s link to the bayside, the Wynnum Rd corridor (Stages 1 and 1b) and works will be completed on the $60 million four-laning of the Inner City Bypass,” Cr Quirk said.

“A $650 million upgrade to Kingsford Smith Drv will continue with $223 million in 2017/18, to continue construction which is currently at the river-piling stage.
“The $250 million Telegraph Rd corridor upgrade (Stages 1a, 1b and 2) will continue with $81 million allocated in 2017/18 to continue major construction works for the widening.”

Mr Quirk said suburban road projects included an upgrade for the Green Camp Rd Corridor (Wakerley), replacement of the Murphy Rd and Ellison Rd roundabout (Geebung), a major upgrade to the Johnson Rd and Stapylton Rd intersection (Heathwood), and the Beckett Rd and Hamilton Rd intersection upgrade (McDowall).

Cr Quirk said $90 million would be invested into delivering smoother suburban streets, with 650 streets to be resurfaced in the coming year, including several major arterial roads.

$2.7 million will be spent on safety upgrades around schools and safety awareness programs.