$40 million funding package for better roads out west

Roads from Cunnamulla to Croydon and from Burke to Birdsville will be upgraded out of a $40 million roads package in the Palaszczuk Government’s 2015-2016 State Budget.

Main Roads and Road Safety Minister Mark Bailey said 14 priority road projects would be undertaken across western Queensland over the next two years.

“Not only are we building better roads out west where they’re needed, we’re providing more than 70 jobs for road workers,” Mr Bailey said.

“We recognise the importance of a safe and reliable road network for people who live and work in western Queensland. In many ways, roads are the lifeblood of many rural and regional communities.”

The Western Roads Upgrade Program will focus on road widening and sealing works to make the roads smoother and safer for drivers.

Included in the upgrade program is a $2 million project to widen and strengthen high-priority sections of the Wills Development Road in the far north-west, and $2 million to upgrade sections of the Bulloo Development Road from Cunnamulla to Thargomindah in the south west.

A total of $13 million will be spent on the Diamantina Developmental Road, with four key upgrades from Charleville to Boulia identified.

Other key routes targeted for upgrades include:
- Gulf Developmental Road between Croydon and Georgetown
- Burke Developmental Road
- Richmond to Winton Road
- Cloncurry to Dajarra Road
- Eyre Developmental Road between Bedourie and Birdsville
- Balonne Highway between Bollon and Cunnamulla
- Mitchell Highway between Barringun and Cunnamulla

“Not only will this $40 million investment deliver a safer and more reliable road network for communities in western parts of the state, it will provide jobs at a time when jobs and job security are more important than ever,” Mr Bailey said.

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