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$6 million for the road to Weddell

The Territory Government will invest $6 million in Budget 2011 to seal the road to the new city of Weddell as part of its ‘Growing the Territory’ initiative.

Minister for Transport, Gerry McCarthy said Jenkins Road will be an important access route to the homes of to up to 50 000 Territorians in Weddell, as well as supporting future oil and gas developments at Middle Arm.

“This $6 million investment will seal about six kilometres of what is a currently a dirt road, providing an important transport link to support our growing Territory,” Minister McCarthy said.

“The Territory Government is planning for Weddell, and this road will be a key link into the city.

“It will also provide access to future oil and gas developments on Middle Arm, diverting heavy vehicles away from Palmerston.”
The Budget 2011 funding will seal Jenkins Road between Finn Road and Stuart Highway.

The works will include raising the road, providing better drainage and flood immunity.

The Member for Daly, Rob Knight, welcomed the funding announcement.

“The improvements to Jenkins Road will be of real benefit for the Territorians living in the area, providing better access from the rural area to town, particularly in the wet season,” Mr Knight said.

“This area has an important role in the growth of the Greater Darwin region, and projects such as upgrading Jenkins Road will ensure the necessary services are in place to meet that future demand.”

Work is expected to begin on the $6 million upgrade to Jenkins road in late 2011.

Other key roads projects to be delivered in Budget 2011 include:

- $7 million to upgrade, maintain and improve the Arnhem Highway; and
- $5 million for new overtaking lanes between Darwin and Katherine

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