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Boost for Territory roads

Roads across the Territory will benefit from a significant capital works funding injection in this year’s Budget.

The works program for Territory Roads, National Highways, and repairs and maintenance totals $90 million - $50 million for roads and $40 million for repairs and maintenance.

For the first time there is an allocation of $5 million in contingency funding in the event of floods.

Under the 2002/03 Budget the Government has allocated $11 million for road works and infrastructure for gas developments at Wickham Point.

The Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Kon Vatskalis said the allocation was vital to maintain and upgrade the Territory’s road networks.

"Territory roads are vital economic links, as well as providing important social infrastructure. That is why we are committed to an extensive road works, repairs and maintenance program.

"The provision this year of a flood contingency means that the Government will be able to move quickly to provide repairs and maintenance. In the past money has been dragged from other roads programs.

"We are a Government that delivers today while investing for tomorrow."

Projects listed on this year’s program include:

- Darwin urban arterials – pavement rehabilitation and traffic management - $1.25 million
- Finke River Bridge $5.5 million
- Hugh River Bridge $2.5 million
- Central Arnhem Road – complete seal to Beswick $1 million
- Cox Peninsula Road – seal additional 7km $1 million
- Fog Bay Road – upgrade seal and drainage $1 million
- Lajamanu to Tennant Creek via Warrego Road - $500,000
- Tanami Road stage 1 - $1.5 million

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