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Safety the key around record road projects

Drivers are being urged to take extra care around two of the region's major roadworks, as the state's death toll continues to rise.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said 161 people had lost their lives on Queensland roads this year to date, 25 more than the same time last year.

It comes as more than 21,500 Queenslanders deliver a record \$24 billion in major road upgrades over the next four years.

"These include Rockhampton's Northern Access Upgrade (supporting 260 jobs) and the Capricorn Highway duplication at Gracemere (187 jobs).

"With road safety week in full swing and school holidays just around the corner, I want to remind everyone when they get behind the wheel to drive so others survive.

"When you approach roadworks, drive to conditions and follow the directions of traffic crews and signage.

"Remember that behind every stop/slow sign, in every truck and on every site is someone's mother, father, daughter or son."

For more information on road safety visit <https://streetsmarts.initiatives.qld.gov.au/>

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