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## FEARS OVER ROAD SAFETY

An appeal has been launched for road upgrades in a fast-growing part of our region, with cycleways and footpaths essential.

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# Fear over 'death trap' road

## Appeal for upgrades

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A PETITION has been launched for upgrades to a road which has been described as a 'death trap' in its current condition.

Mother of one Teresa Bird is petitioning for a bike and foot path on Beachmere Rd from the shopping complex to Newman Rd and Bribie Island Rd, Caboolture.

Ms Bird said she'd love to encourage an active lifestyle for her son, but feared for his safety riding to school.

"We don't have the infrastructure and it's not safe for the kids to ride or walk," Ms Bird said. "Zac wanted to ride to school but the road isn't safe. It used to be 100km/h. Now it's 80km/h and the road needs upgrading. We need a bike path."

State LNP MP for Pumicestone Simone Wilson said: "Parts of this road are highly dangerous, with narrow

lanes and unsealed shoulders. As it is now, it would be a death trap for cyclists."

A Transport and Main Roads (TMR) spokeswoman said Beachmere Rd had been

identified as a future cycle route in the Principal Cycle Network Plan, but there was currently no funding.

Zac attends Beachmere Steiner School which is moving to the corner of Beachmere and Newman roads. Principal Chris Jack

said it was planned to move into the new location by the end of the year with the official opening early next year.

"We're looking to have around 350 students next year," he said. "A lot of parents move to Beachmere and they want the best for their

kids' health. A bike path would make it safe for students to cycle to school and it would be used every day."

The TMR spokeswoman said: "There is currently no funding available to upgrade Beachmere Road as there are other roads across

the state with higher traffic volumes and higher crash history competing for limited available funding."

Which other roads need similar upgrades? Email letters@cabooltureherald.com.au