

# Improving road safety

The Department of Main Roads has established SAFELink Alliance to deliver the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade from Wacol to Darra. Construction is underway and is due for completion in December 2010.

The population of south east Queensland is expected to grow by more than one million people over the next twenty years, increasing the volume of traffic along this stretch of the motorway to more than 80,000 vehicles per day by 2030.

Main Roads is committed to improving safety for motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and workers.

## Our commitment to safety

As part of this commitment, our safety priorities include:

- » ensuring the safety of motorists during construction
- » promoting the safe behaviour of our staff
- » ensuring the reliable flow of traffic during construction
- » delivering a safer road to south east Queensland.

## Traffic management

The following strategies are used to maintain traffic flow and ensure the safety of motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and workers during the project:

- » reducing speed limits to 80km/hr along the Centenary Highway and Ipswich Motorway



The upgrade will relieve congestion and improve traffic flow.

- » installing concrete barriers
- » installing fencing to reduce distractions
- » providing a minimum lane width of 3.5 metres
- » installing signs to provide information on important traffic changes
- » providing emergency stopping bays
- » providing traffic management personnel for an immediate response in the event of an incident until emergency services arrive.



**Traffic and assistance reports: 13 19 40**

# Ipswich Motorway Upgrade Wacol to Darra

## Intelligent Transport Systems

Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) link to the Brisbane Metropolitan Transport Management Centre which monitors the road network to coordinate responses to congestion and road incidents.

ITS operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Some of the ITS in use for this project include:

- » variable message signs to provide information to motorists about traffic changes
- » closed-circuit television to monitor traffic flow along the construction site
- » maintaining traffic counters to measure traffic volumes on this part of the road network.

## Contact us

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\*Visit the website to receive free project updates direct to your mobile phone.

For other Western Corridor transport projects Phone 1800 013 189

## Safety – it's a two-way street

You can help to ensure the safety of other motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and workers by:

- » paying attention to road signs near construction projects
- » planning your trip ahead
- » keeping an eye out for road workers
- » staying calm and being patient
- » considering an alternate route
- » expecting the unexpected: traffic conditions are likely to change regularly

- » maintaining a safe distance between your vehicle and other vehicles on the road
- » ensuring you are in the correct lane and merge as soon as possible to avoid last minute lane changes.

Remember, speed limits and road signs throughout the construction site are enforceable.



Traffic volumes are expected to increase substantially in the next 20 years.

**Please remember that safety around roadworks is a two-way street.  
We ask that you drive carefully and responsibly during these construction works.**