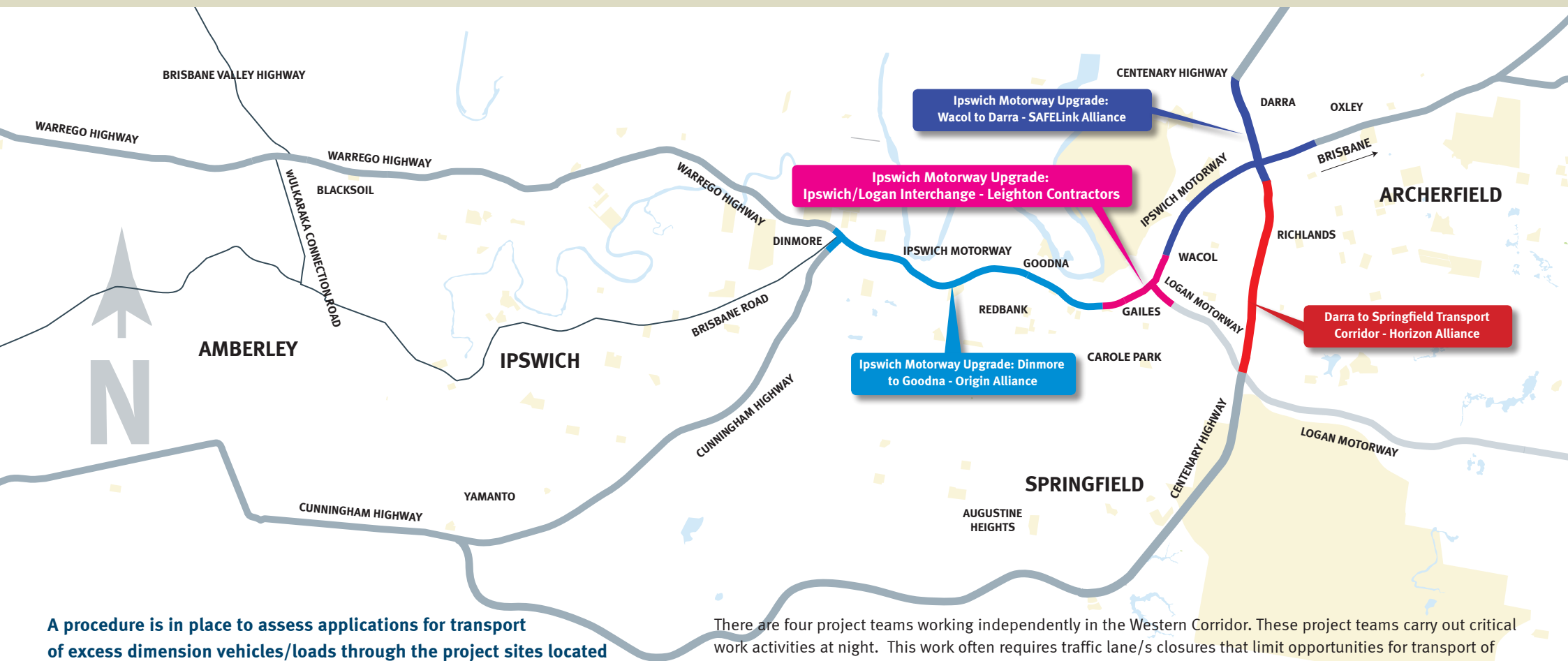


Excess dimension transport applications



A procedure is in place to assess applications for transport of excess dimension vehicles/loads through the project sites located on the Ipswich Motorway and Centenary Highway.

The Queensland Government is upgrading transport infrastructure in the Western Corridor (Ipswich Motorway, Centenary Highway). Significant roadworks are taking place on these two routes to improve traffic safety, reliability, road alignments, flood immunity, bridge heights, widths and structural capacity.

There are four project teams working independently in the Western Corridor. These project teams carry out critical work activities at night. This work often requires traffic lane/s closures that limit opportunities for transport of excess dimension loads through the corridor.

The Western Corridor team has a procedure in place to coordinate excess dimension transport with the roadworks. Approval to travel depends on the timing and extent of roadworks, and rejection of applications is sometimes unavoidable. Cooperation by Transporters, Clients, and the Constructors (project teams) is necessary.

Please take the time to read the procedure overleaf, and thank you for your patience and cooperation.

New Procedure

- The Queensland Police Service issue permits, and require a *Letter of No Objection* from the Queensland Department of Main Roads for travel on state-controlled roads. Main Roads issue the *Letter of No Objection* subject to conditions of operation. A condition of operation for travel on the Ipswich Motorway and Centenary Highway is that Transporters obtain *Western Corridor Approval*.
- Applications are to be emailed to the Western Corridor team at **apps.wcorridor@mainroads.qld.gov.au** or **faxed to (07) 3137 8922** during business hours of 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday excluding public holidays.
- Applications are to be submitted between **4 and 10 business days** before intended travel. This is because the construction work is constantly changing. Where significant transport movements are planned well in advance, direct contact with the Western Corridor team (3725 7400) to work through options is recommended.
- Transporters must check the route prior to submitting an application and again prior to travel and are required to confirm any concerns immediately.
- The Western Corridor team will send an advice of the application approval/rejection to the Applicant (and copy to Queensland Police Service) within 4 business days of receipt of the application. If the original application is rejected, a new application must be submitted and assessment could take a further 4 working days.
- Signatures are not required on the application form or on the approval. Approvals will have a unique number assigned for validation.

- Drivers are asked to carry a copy of the Western Corridor Approval with them, and to notify the relevant Traffic Foremen on the night of travel if they will be 30 minutes or more outside the nominated arrival time. This will help to avoid delay.
- Approval to travel through the Western Corridor is a condition of operation governed by the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management: Mass, Dimensions and Loading) Regulation 2005*. Transporters who choose to act unlawfully and travel without Western Corridor approval risk being delayed until the Traffic Foreman advises that it is safe to proceed.
- Transporters are liable for compensating the Construction Contractor/s (or Main Roads) for reasonable costs due to:
 - damage to road infrastructure
 - movement of traffic control devices (for example, signs, barriers, anti-gawking screens) to facilitate the movement
 - Construction Contractor delay and disruption charges if these result from problems associated with the transport movement.

For more information

Website: <http://www.mainroads.qld.gov.au/Projects/Featured-projects/Western-Corridor-transport-projects.aspx>

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