

# Project Newsletter

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The Gateway Upgrade North Preferred Plan was released to the public in October 2013. This \$1.162 billion upgrade project jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments has now progressed to the delivery phase.

The Preferred Plan concepts include:

- ▶ reconfiguring the Nudgee interchange, including a new Nudgee Road overpass and a relocated and extended northbound on-ramp
- ▶ widening the Deagon Deviation between Depot Road and Bracken Ridge Road to provide two lanes in each direction, separate to the motorway
- ▶ modifications to the Bicentennial and Depot Road interchanges including extensions to the on and off-ramps
- ▶ construction of off-road cycle and pedestrian facilities.

This Preferred Plan will be developed further over the coming months.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads and Transurban Queensland have been working together to manage the Gateway Upgrade North Project.

Tenders have now closed for the major works contract for the design and construction phase of the works. The tender evaluation is underway, with a successful contractor expected to be announced in mid-2015.

Transurban Queensland and the Department of Transport and Main Roads have been working with tenderers during the tender phase to deliver a value-for-money solution. During the interactive tender process, tenderers worked with the Preferred Plan to provide innovative and improved design solutions.

As a result, changes to the Preferred Plan are expected, particularly around the Nudgee interchange, Deagon Deviation and Sandgate Road onramp.



When complete, the Gateway Upgrade North project will reduce congestion, accommodate future growth and improve motorists' safety by:

- ▶ upgrading the motorway from four to six lanes between Nudgee and Bracken Ridge
- ▶ constructing wider shoulders
- ▶ extending on and off-ramps
- ▶ installing new safety barriers
- ▶ separating local traffic from motorway traffic to reduce weaving and rat-running
- ▶ installing intelligent transport systems, including variable message signs, traffic monitoring cameras and ramp metering
- ▶ improving the motorway alignment and signage

To prepare the site for construction, preliminary works are being undertaken. These works include earthworks and drainage near the Nudgee Golf Course and north of Nundah Creek. The preliminary works, being delivered by Fulton Hogan, are progressing well.

## Sustainability

The Australian and Queensland governments and Transurban Queensland are committed to sustainable outcomes on the project. Tenderers have been asked to consider sustainability in their innovation - considering the motorway's neighbours, reducing waste and thinking long term. This will ensure the benefits of the project will continue to be realised long after the completion of the design and construction phase.



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## Safety improvements – reduce weaving

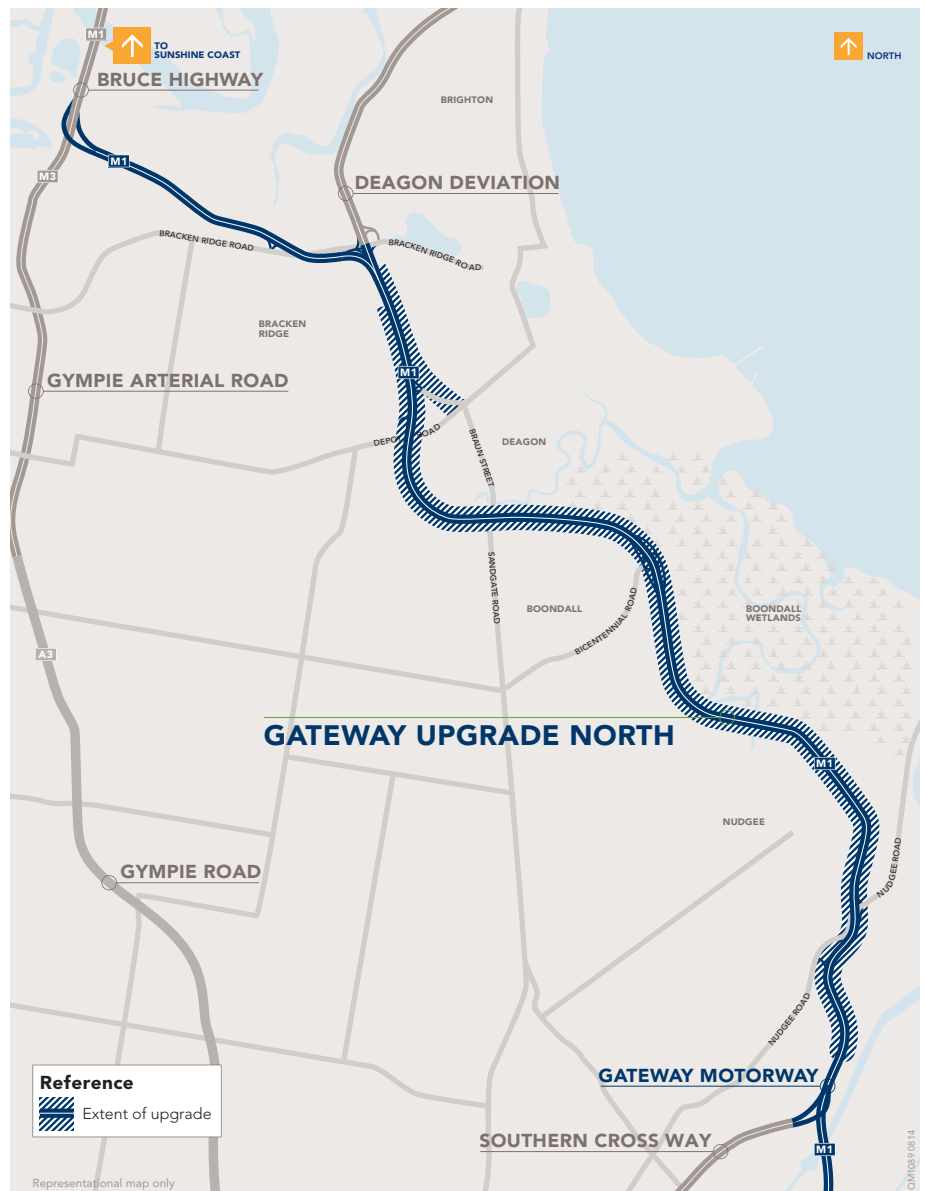
Carrying more than 83,000 vehicles a day, the northern end of the Gateway Motorway is experiencing high levels of congestion and safety incidents. In particular, the Deagon section of the motorway has a poor traffic incident record, which is compounded by significant traffic merging and weaving on the motorway, including Sandgate Road traffic bound for Redcliffe. This highlights the need for major safety improvements.

The Preferred Plan addresses these safety issues by separating the Deagon Deviation traffic from the Gateway Motorway, providing two new northbound lanes for direct access to Redcliffe.

The Preferred Plan also highlights the need to close the northbound on-ramp from Sandgate Road to the Gateway Motorway to improve safety conditions and reduce the impact of local traffic using the motorway for short journeys.

## Active transport

The Gateway Upgrade North project will provide improvements to active transport infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists. This includes construction of a new shared pedestrian and cycle path along the length of the project, with connections to existing local bikeway networks.



## What's next

The tender options will be fully assessed over the coming months.

Further information will be provided to stakeholders and residents. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the project team using the details provided.

## Contact details

The project team is committed to working with the community to better understand your views and ensure the successful delivery of the Gateway Upgrade North project.

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## Project timeline

