

Pacific Motorway – M1/M3/Gateway merge upgrade

Frequently Asked Questions

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Why is the Pacific Motorway M1/M3/Gateway merge being upgraded?

The Pacific Motorway southbound, in the vicinity of the Gateway merge, experiences high levels of congestion and is operating over capacity during afternoon peak (from 2pm onwards) resulting in significant delays, unreliable travel times and a high rate of low-speed nose-to-tail crashes.

What is the cost of the upgrade?

The M1/M3/Gateway merge project is estimated to cost \$170 million.

Who is funding the upgrade?

The Queensland and Australian Governments.

What will the upgrade include?

The M1/M3/Gateway merge upgrade will include:

- up to five southbound lanes on the Pacific Motorway between Eight Mile Plains and Rochedale (Exit 19)
- the relocation of the existing bus entry from the Eight Mile Plains Bus Station onto the Pacific Motorway
- replacement four lane overpass on a realigned Underwood Road
- Managed motorway technologies from Klumpp Road to Rochedale Road.

What stage is the project at?

A design and construction contract was awarded to Lendlease Engineering Pty Ltd in September 2017.

Early works (including the demolition of some properties acquired for the project) commenced in September 2017 and was completed in December 2017.



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When will construction start?

Major construction has commenced and will continue until mid-2020.

What are the benefits?

The benefit outcomes from this project include;

- improved travel times for motorway users;
- improved travel time reliability for motorway and public transport users;
- increased freight efficiency; and
- improved safety through a reduction in the number of crashes.

Are land resumptions required?

In order to provide an improved and safer road network for the community, it is sometimes necessary for the department to acquire additional land for construction purposes.

The department tries to avoid impacting private property wherever possible but resumptions cannot be avoided in all cases. All land required for this project has now been acquired.

When will the rest of the motorway be upgraded?

The upgrade of the Pacific Motorway is being delivered in strategic priority stages as funding becomes available.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is currently developing a new master plan for the remaining sections of the upgrade on the Pacific Motorway between Gateway and Logan motorways.

How can I get more information?

The project is offering a free email and SMS text message traffic alert service for this upgrade to ensure local residents and motorists are kept up to date with progress on the upgrade as well as to be aware of when traffic conditions change during construction. If you would like to register for either or both services, please email your details to gatewaymerge@tmr.qld.gov.au

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