Pacific Motorway (M1) Upgrade: M1/M3/Gateway Merge

13 August 2018

Project update

Work on the M1 Pacific Motorway upgrade M1/M3/Gateway Merge is underway. To date, a number of traffic changes have been implemented for the safety of roadworkers and motorists including:

- reducing the southbound speed limit to 80km/h between Logan Road and Rochedale Road
- Installing traffic barriers and road work signage on the Pacific Motorway, School Road and Underwood Road
- realigning traffic lanes to create a work area to widen the motorway.

Since late June, tree clearing, site fencing and services investigations have taken place within the works zone. A site compound has also been established on School Road.

At the construction area on the corner of School Road and Underwood Road, earthworks have taken place to build construction laydown areas and an access ramp to the base of Underwood Road bridge. This access ramp is built at the location of the new busway on-ramp.

More information about the project, will be provided as progress is made.

Night works are ongoing between 7pm and 5am Sunday to Thursday.

Photo above: Earth works at the construction area between School Road and Underwood Road (looking north).

Upcoming activities and night works

The following activities will continue during August, weather permitting:

- Installing traffic barriers and line marking along the motorway for the safety of roadworkers and motorists
- Installing site fencing
- Clearing of vegetation
- Locating public utility services
- Earthworks
Tree clearing adjacent to Eight Mile Plains State School is required to take place at night for the safety of students, staff and motorists. This works is currently scheduled for Thursday 16 August from 7pm to 5am (weather permitting).

New activities that will commence during August will include:

- Constructing site access gates
- Installing soil nails at Underwood Road Bridge (improves embankment stability)
- Relocating public utility services
- Permanently closing Karoonda Park

The majority of works will take place during standard construction hours. For the safety of motorists and on-site workers, some works are required at night from 7pm to 5am Monday to Friday and 7pm to 7am Saturday and Sunday.

What to expect during construction

- Work will involve the use of trucks, excavators, graders, compaction equipment, elevated work platforms, cranes, chainsaws, mulching equipment, vacuum trucks and lighting towers
- Changed traffic conditions and reduced speed limits through the construction site, including School Road, Underwood Road and some local roads
- Temporary lane closures and traffic control, as required
- Increased construction traffic accessing work areas and site compounds
- Vehicles and equipment with flashing lights and reversing beepers for the safety of onsite workers
- Increased levels of noise, dust and vibration, associated with the use of construction equipment

In the event of wet weather, the works will be continued on the next available shift.

All works are expected to continue until mid 2020.

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Contacting the Project Team

In case of emergency, we are contactable 24/7:

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Further information

Further information, including a fact sheet, fly-through video, and Frequently Asked Questions is available on the project website.

Please feel free to share this information with your contacts who use the M1. They may also wish to subscribe by emailing gatewaymerge@tmr.qld.gov.au

Keeping updated means being able to make informed decisions about choosing alternative routes or expecting considerable travel delays.

Weather, site and contractor conditions can impact works, delaying start and finish schedules.

For the latest traffic conditions on the Gold Coast, please contact the Statewide Traffic Management Centre on 13 19 40, or visit www.131940.qld.gov.au