# MEDIA STATEMENT

2 August 2023

## M1 roadworks in Springwood

- Two bridge decks on the M1 will be connected between 4-6 August 2023, with long delays to M1 northbound traffic expected
- M1 northbound though Springwood will be reduced to between one and two lanes

Two bridge decks will be connected together on the Pacific Motorway (M1) from 7pm on Friday August 4.

The bridge progress will impact traffic northbound through Springwood, with lanes being reduced to between one and two lanes until 5am Sunday August 6.

Delays of up to 60 minutes are expected during peak Saturday travel times, so motorists are advised to allow extra travel time, or seek an alternative route.

For up-to-date road condition information, call 13 19 40, or visit <u>www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au</u> or download the QLDTraffic app.

Motorists can keep informed about progress of the project by subscribing to receive free SMS text messages and/or email traffic alerts. Please phone 1800 974 983 or visit <a href="https://www.tmr.gld.gov.au/WatlandStreettoSportsDrive">www.tmr.gld.gov.au/WatlandStreettoSportsDrive</a>.

These works are being delivered as part of the Pacific Motorway (M1), Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill Upgrade.

For more information about the upgrade visit: <u>Pacific Motorway, Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill</u> <u>Upgrade | Department of Transport and Main Roads (tmr.gld.gov.au)</u>

### **Quotes attributable to South Coast Regional Director Andrew Wheeler:**

"This is one of the state's busiest roads, with more than 150,000 vehicles using this stretch of the M1 daily.

"While speed reductions, lane closures and delays during construction can often be a source of frustration, once finished the M1 upgrade will reduce travel time, improve safety and increase traffic flow.

"This weekend delays are expected, particularly on Saturday from 9am, and between 5pm and 7pm, so I strongly recommend motorists plan their journeys well in advance, and where possible seek an alternative route.



"I thank motorists for their patience while this essential roadwork is underway, and urge them to remain patient travelling through the area, both for their own safety and the safety of workers along the M1."

### **Background information:**

- To complete the final stage of the new four-lane northbound M1 bridge over Logan Road, short-term changes to traffic conditions on the M1 northbound (between the Watland Street overpass and Springwood Road) are needed for a final concrete pour to 'stitch' the two bridge decks together.
- For safety reasons, two of three northbound lanes need to close while the concrete pour takes place and following this, a single fast lane northbound lane closure is needed to ensure vibrations from heavy vehicles do not affect the concrete as it is curing:
  - from 7 pm Friday 4 August to 4 am Saturday 5 August 2023, northbound lanes will be reduced to a single lane. Reduced speed limits of 40km/h will be in place
  - from 4 am Saturday 5 August to 5 am Sunday 6 August 2023, two lanes of northbound traffic will be open with the speed limit reduced to 60km/h
  - all northbound lanes on the M1 in Springwood will be open and the speed limit restored to 80km/h at approximately 5 am Sunday 6 August 2023.
- The Queensland Police Service and traffic controllers will be onsite to assist with traffic management.
- The Pacific Motorway (M1) Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill Upgrade involves widening the M1 by up to four lanes in each direction.
- Webpage (EMP2DH project page) <u>Pacific Motorway, Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill Upgrade</u> <u>| Department of Transport and Main Roads (tmr.qld.gov.au)</u>
- VMS Campaign strategy VMS Messages will display from Friday July 28 alerting motorists on the M1 of the upcoming closure.

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