

Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Rocklea to Darra – stage 1

UPDATE: Ipswich Road - Northern Service Road

We have been busy in recent months with the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Rocklea to Darra – stage 1 project particularly with changes along the Ipswich Road, Northern Service Road.

What have we been working on?

- Bannerman Street intersection has now changed from the arrangement prior to construction, with easier access to the service road (**MAP Inset 1**)
- The new Ipswich Road (northern service road) connection across Oxley Creek is now open.
- Traffic signals at the Suscatand Street intersection will improve safety and are planned to be operational by the end-2020. (**MAP Inset 2**)
- The new left-only connection from Granard Road to the northern service road is planned to be opened mid-2020. (**MAP Inset 3**)
- The new shared pedestrian & cycle path is being finalised with only a few small areas to be completed in coming weeks.
- The new separated cycle path on the southern side of the northern service road is planned to be operational by the end-2020.

Why are we building a separated cycle path?

Consultation with businesses, community and stakeholders in 2010/11 led to the motorway upgrade being planned to provide better facilities for motor vehicles, pedestrians & cyclists. Before construction started in October 2017, cyclists travelled on the motorway. This new dedicated cycle path forms part of Brisbane's Principal cycle network and will become an important active transport connection for Rocklea and greater Brisbane.

The new cycle path has necessitated removal of parking on the northern service road. Due to the high number of heavy vehicles, the total traffic lane width has not changed with widths maintained even at 'pinch points'.

Why is the separated cycle path and traffic signals at Suscatand Street taking so long to open?

Before operating the traffic signals, we need to extend the length of the motorway exit ramp to cater for vehicles waiting at a red light. This ramp extension can't be constructed until other works are completed first. Once the traffic signals are operating, cyclists will then be able to safely cross this important intersection.



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How will these changes impact you?

Expect more pedestrians & cyclists. The many changes along the Northern Service Road will mean more activity with traffic flowing less freely than before, particularly at the Suscatand Street and Granard Road entry traffic signals.

Motorists are asked to drive to the new conditions, pass at slower speeds, take extra care with pedestrians and cyclists, and keep pathways clear of obstructions.

Pedestrians and cyclists are asked to remain alert, watch out for motorists, and take extra care when crossing roads and/or driveways.

We appreciate your continued patience and ask businesses to inform staff, customers, and suppliers of these changes. **Please drive to the new conditions** as we work towards providing a safer transport corridor for all road users.

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Map - Ipswich Road (northern service road) from Bannerman Street, Oxley to Granard Road, Rocklea

Legend

- Separated cycle path
- Shared path

