

## How was the alignment determined?

The planning completed to date to determine the gazetted corridor and development of concepts has been based on the following:

- Land use in the northern Gold Coast and Logan
- Extent of current and planned urban development
- Extent of current flooding and water courses
- Protecting environmental values
- Optimal transport network outcomes
- Existing transport infrastructure of heavy rail, light rail, M1 motorway and surrounding road network.

## What will the Coomera Connector look like?

The Coomera Connector is being designed for the transport network of the future. People living in the growing communities between the Gold Coast and neighbouring Logan will be able to more easily access local community facilities by using the Coomera Connector instead of the M1. Taking local trips off the M1 will optimise its performance for motorists who take longer trips between Brisbane and the Gold Coast, and interstate trips as well.

An integral part of the Coomera Connector will be the inclusion of improved public transport services to help meet the transport demand in the local community.

TMR is now seeking your comments on the Coomera Connector and what it should look like and its role in the transport network.



## Contact us

If you would like further information about the Coomera Connector, please contact the project team to register for updates.

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## Get involved and have your say

We'd like to hear your views on concept planning for the Coomera Connector and find out what's important for you.

You're invited to participate in our community consultation program, to find out more about planning for the Coomera Connector and provide your input into the project.



### Provide your feedback online

Visit the interactive community consultation website to find out more about the project and provide your feedback.



Scan the QR Code to be taken to the website

Visit: [coomeraconnector.tmr.qld.gov.au](http://coomeraconnector.tmr.qld.gov.au)



### Talk to us in person

The project team will be holding community drop-in sessions to enable you to ask questions and provide face-to-face feedback on the concept plans.

Visit the website to find out drop-in session locations and times.

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# Coomera Connector

## Have your say

The Pacific Motorway (M1) is Queensland's busiest road and ensuring its optimal performance is a priority for the Queensland Government.



## The current situation

The M1 is a key part of Australia's national land transport network.

The corridor between the northern Gold Coast and neighbouring Logan is experiencing significant growth. Identified in Shaping SEQ as a key area where people want to live, work and play – an additional 600,000 people will live in the area by 2041.

Without intervention, increasing demand for the M1 (particularly for local trips) may jeopardise its performance as part of the national land transport network.

## An additional transport corridor

Planning ahead for future growth, the Coomera Connector will deliver an alternate transport corridor to complement the function and role of the M1.

The Coomera Connector will provide motorists with additional crossings of the Logan, Albert, Coomera and Nerang Rivers. At present, there are limited alternative crossings to the M1 and its service roads, without significant diversions in both distance and travel time.

Interstate traffic (including freight) will remain on the M1, assisted by the introduction of Smart Motorways technology controlling the interaction of traffic entering the motorway, to limit merging and weaving.

Traffic analysis from early 2019 identified more than 210,000 vehicles are routinely using the M1 between Coomera and Nerang.

Based on these traffic volumes, a solution to deliver extra capacity in the area between Coomera and Nerang, needs to be prioritised.



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# Stage 1: Coomera to Nerang

Traffic and population projections indicate the need for the southern section of the Coomera Connector, from Coomera to Nerang to be constructed first.

## 45km corridor protected

The Coomera Connector corridor is protected for the future.

Since the 1990s, the corridor has been identified in various public planning documents, such as published street directories, regional transport plans, planning studies and City of Gold Coast planning schemes. A joint 2015 study between the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and the City of Gold Coast confirmed the corridor is a future strategic transport link that will relieve traffic congestion on the M1 and surrounding local roads.

The corridor was formally confirmed in the *Queensland Government Gazette* in three sections:

- **Nerang to Coomera**  
18 March 2016
- **Coomera to Stapylton**  
12 May 2017
- **Stapylton to Loganholme**  
15 March 2019

Formal confirmation of the corridor in the *Queensland Government Gazette* allows it to be protected from new development and provides certainty for property owners, business and residential communities.

With the southern section of the Coomera Connector between Coomera and Nerang being identified as the stage that needs to be built first, the Loganholme to Coomera section will be considered as a second stage.

TMR will continue to liaise with property owners when dealing with land sales and development applications. Early acquisition of properties by TMR may occur in some hardship circumstances.

## Protecting our environment

The Coomera Connector will deliver best practice environmental outcomes in the project corridor.

Field investigations including terrestrial and aquatic ecological surveys are currently being undertaken.

Findings from the field surveys will help determine what mitigation strategies may be required to protect important environmental areas in the vicinity of the project corridor.

## Community consultation November/December 2019

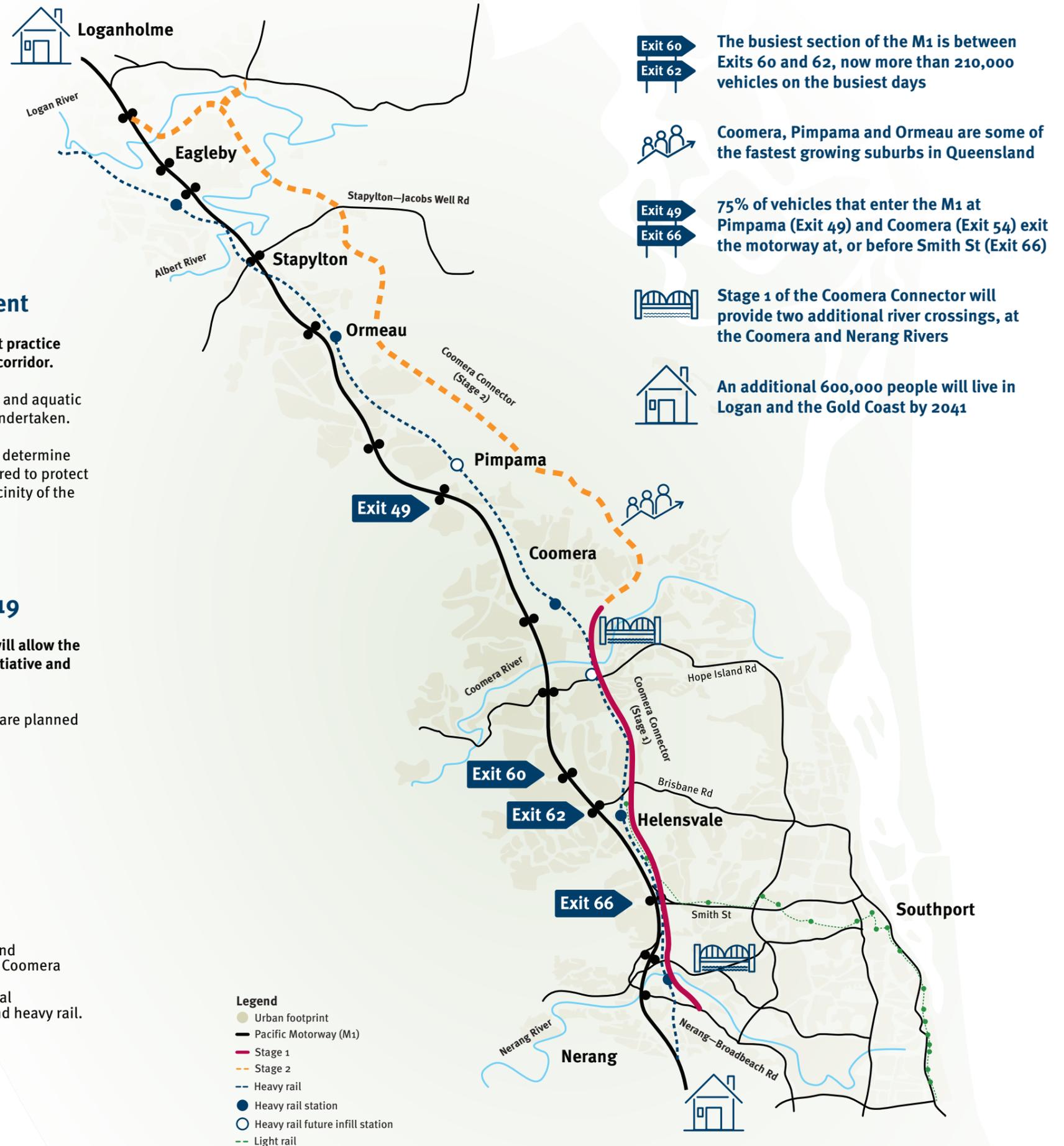
Consultation along the entire corridor will allow the community to provide input into this initiative and highlight what is important to them.

A series of community drop-in sessions are planned along the corridor.

Feedback can also be provided online.

## Stage 1 of the Coomera Connector will:

- ease congestion on the M1
- support the growing communities and commercial hubs of Helensvale and Coomera
- complement the existing multi-modal infrastructure of the M1, light rail and heavy rail.



- The busiest section of the M1 is between Exits 60 and 62, now more than 210,000 vehicles on the busiest days
- Coomera, Pimpama and Ormeau are some of the fastest growing suburbs in Queensland
- 75% of vehicles that enter the M1 at Pimpama (Exit 49) and Coomera (Exit 54) exit the motorway at, or before Smith St (Exit 66)
- Stage 1 of the Coomera Connector will provide two additional river crossings, at the Coomera and Nerang Rivers
- An additional 600,000 people will live in Logan and the Gold Coast by 2041

- Legend**
- Urban footprint
  - Pacific Motorway (M1)
  - Stage 1
  - Stage 2
  - Heavy rail
  - Heavy rail station
  - Heavy rail future infill station
  - Light rail