

Ipswich Motorway Upgrade

Rocklea to Darra – Stage 1 project

Permanent closure of the Ipswich Motorway westbound entry ramp at Boundary Road, Rocklea

As part of the Rocklea to Darra – Stage 1 project **the Boundary Road entry ramp, Rocklea, will be permanently closed from 6pm Saturday 16 May.**

The closure is part of the permanent upgrade works and will reduce the number of entry and exit points on the motorway. This will help improve safety and operation by reducing the number of locations of merging and diverging traffic on the motorway.

When will the Boundary Road entry ramp close?

The motorway entry ramp from Boundary Road will be closed permanently from **6pm Saturday 16 May 2020.**

Please refer to the accompanying map showing alternative routes to the Ipswich Motorway, westbound, once the entry ramp is closed.

Is the closure of the entry ramp permanent?

Yes, this is a permanent closure. This closure has always been part of the project. It is occurring now to allow for the construction of the new, higher westbound motorway lanes and bridges over Oxley Creek floodplain. This is the next important milestone for the Rocklea to Darra – stage 1 project.

Is the closure of this exit ramp really necessary?

Yes. To ensure the safety of over 85,000 road users on the motorway each day, the existing Boundary Road entry ramp needs to be permanently closed.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has undertaken comprehensive planning and reviews to design a concept and outcome that best balances the needs of the local community, while also achieving the safety and efficiency for the motorway.

The planning study completed in 2012 found that traffic congestion, extensive delays and a poor safety record were contributed to by the high number of access ramps and closely spaced interchanges.

Key causes of the poor safety record included the high number of closely spaced entry and exit ramps which encouraged weaving and merging manoeuvres by motorists.



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Once the Boundary Road entry ramp is closed, how will I enter the motorway?

Traffic wanting to enter the Ipswich Motorway westbound from Boundary Road can either:

- use the Randolph Street entry ramp, Rocklea (preferred access), or alternatively
- continue along Boundary Road, onto Factory Road Loop and then continue to the Reedy Road entry ramp, Oxley.

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Will there be signage to advise of the entry ramp closure and the alternate routes?

Yes. Detours, signage and variable message signs (VMS) via overhead gantries will advise of the changed traffic conditions.

How will local connectivity be improved once the upgrade is complete?

The upgrade will improve flood immunity along with safety, ease congestion and reduce travel times. The new service roads and Boundary Road Connection will encourage local trips to stay local and the motorway will be upgraded from 4 to 6 lanes.

Once the upgrade is complete, both the Ipswich Road service road and Boundary Road will have new connections constructed across the Oxley Creek floodplain.

There will also be a new connection for local traffic to access the Ipswich Road Northern service road from Granard Road.

Further, there will be a cycle path connection through the Granard Road interchange and new pathway connections across Oxley Creek and along Boundary Road.

When will the whole project be finished?

It is anticipated that the whole Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Rocklea to Darra – Stage 1 will be finished early 2021.

Who should I contact if I have a question about these works for would like information about the project?

Please contact the Project Community Relations team by referring to the details provided below.

Contact us

For more information about the project:

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Access to Ipswich Motorway, westbound from Sunday 17 May. Boundary Road entry ramp PERMANENTLY CLOSED.

