Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Rocklea to Darra – Stage 1

FAQs - Major Eastbound Traffic Change

The Department of Transport and Main Roads advise that the next major change to traffic conditions on the Ipswich Motorway is planned for one (1) weekend, from **6pm Friday 14 February 2020 to 5am Monday 17 February 2020**, weather and construction conditions permitting.

**Why is this traffic change needed?**

The traffic change will 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.

**Where on the motorway will the traffic change occur?**

The traffic change will occur between the Oxley Road Interchange, Oxley and the Suscatand Street off-ramp, Rocklea, and will affect **eastbound motorway traffic** as well as vehicles entering the motorway from the Oxley Road Interchange. *(Refer to Map 1)*

**When is the traffic change?**

Subject to weather and construction conditions, the traffic change will be undertaken over one weekend:

- 6pm Friday 14 February 2019 to 5am Monday 17 February 2019; and
- Should the traffic change be delayed due to weather or construction conditions, it will occur on the next available weekend.

**Will there be an additional works leading up to the traffic change?**

General works will include moving barriers and preparing temporary street lighting. These works will be undertaken in the course of our ongoing works and will have little to no additional impact on traffic in the area.

**During the traffic change weekend, will access to local businesses on Ipswich Road (northern and southern service roads) be maintained?**

Yes. Detours, signage and variable message sign (VMS) advising of the changed traffic conditions will be in place and reduced speed limits during the works. Please allow extra time when planning your travel.

**After the traffic change, how will businesses on Ipswich Road (northern service road) be impacted? (Refer to Map 2)**

- From **5am Monday 17 February 2020**, properties on the Ipswich Road (northern service road) between Bannerman Street and Oxley Creek will have two-way access.
- Ipswich Road (northern service road) access across the Oxley Creek floodplain is one way only (eastbound) – from Oxley Creek to just prior to TyreRight.
- Ipswich Road (northern service road) access between TyreRight and Suscatand Street remains unchanged (two-way).
During and after the traffic change weekend for eastbound traffic, how will I enter the motorway and travel east (towards Brisbane City) from the Oxley Road Interchange?

- During the traffic change weekend, the on-ramp will remain open, however it will be temporarily extended along the Ipswich Road (northern service road), across the Oxley Creek floodplain and through to the Suscatand Street on-ramp, Rocklea, where you can re-join the motorway (Refer to Map 1)
- After the traffic change, the eastbound traffic wishing to enter the motorway from the Oxley Road Interchange will be moved onto the new on-ramp alignment (Refer to Map 2)

Will pedestrian and cycle access be maintained during the traffic change weekend?
Yes. Pedestrian and cycle access will be maintained during the traffic change weekend.

Will there be provision for cyclists and pedestrians on the Ipswich Road (northern service road)?
- The completed project will provide improved active transport facilities on the Ipswich Road (northern service road)
- This includes a two-way separated cycle path along Ipswich Road (northern service road) between Oxley Creek and Granard Road interchange, and a shared pedestrian/cycle path running the full length of the project.

Will there be provision for cyclists and pedestrians on the new Ipswich Road (southern service road)?
The completed project will include an upgraded pedestrian and cycle underpass, south to north under the western side of Oxley Creek bridge as well as a shared pathway along the new Boundary Road Connection.
There are no changes to the existing shared pedestrian path along the existing Ipswich Road (southern service road).

How will local connectivity be improved once the upgrade is complete?
The upgrade will improve flood immunity and safety, ease congestion and reduce travel times. The new Ipswich Road 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 Ipswich Road, northern and southern service roads, and Boundary Road will have new connections across the Oxley Creek floodplain.
There will also be a new connection for local traffic to access 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 Boundary Road.

When is the project expected to be completely finished?
The project is expected to be completed by early 2021.
Map 1 – Weekend of eastbound traffic changes from 6pm 14 February to 5am 17 February 2020

NOTE: Works may be rescheduled to the next available weekend if impacted by weather or construction conditions
Map 2 – Following the eastbound traffic change from 5am Monday 17 February 2020

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