Pacific Motorway (M1) – Rochedale bus station and park 'n' ride

(Part of Stage 2 Pacific Motorway (M1) – Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill upgrade)

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the scope of works for Stage 2 Pacific Motorway (M1): Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill upgrade?

The Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill upgrade is being delivered through the following work packages:

- Package 1. Sports Drive to Gateway Motorway (M1 northbound lanes).
- Package 2. Pacific Highway early works (western service road).
- **Package 3.** Watland Street to Sports Drive (M1 northbound and southbound lanes).
- Package 4. Rochedale bus station and park 'n' ride.

What is the scope of works for this project?

The scope of works includes:

- construction of a new bus station at the corner of School and Underwood roads in Rochedale
- construction of a new park 'n' ride with approximately 485 spaces, including nine accessible parking spaces
- signalised intersection to connect with the future extension of Gardner Road.
- pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to the new station
- undercover storage for 30 bicycles.

Where will the new bus station be located?

The new bus station and park 'n' ride will be constructed on the corner of School and Underwood roads in Rochedale.





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Where will the new dedicated busway be located?

The busway will be constructed to the east of the M1 between Eight Mile Plains and the Springwood bus station in the location of the existing M1 southbound lanes.

How many parking spaces will be provided?

Approximately 485 parking spaces will be provided, including nine accessible parking spaces.

A dedicated kiss 'n' ride (drop-off and pick-up) area will also form part of the design, allowing for the quick drop-off and pick-up of passengers from within Rochedale bus station.

What bike storage facilities will be provided at the bus station?

The bus station design includes undercover storage facilities for more than 30 bicycles within the bus station for customers travelling to the station by bicycle. While the storage facilities are not lockable, security measures such as 24/7 lighting and CCTV camera surveillance will feature in the final design.

When will construction start?

Major construction will be undertaken in two stages, provisionally starting in mid-2022 with a series of civil enabling works in the area to include relocation of underground services and construction of new pavements, retaining walls and drainage. This stage is expected to be complete by mid-2023.

The second stage will start after civil works are complete and involves construction of the new Rochedale bus station and park 'n' ride - including the station building, approximately 485 parking spaces, a kiss 'n' ride and the entry plaza area.

When will the bus station be completed?

Weather and construction conditions permitting, the bus station is expected to be completed by the end of 2024, after the South East Busway extension construction is complete.

The South East Busway extension, between Underwood Road and Springwood bus station, is being constructed as part of Package 3 – Watland Street to Sports Drive upgrade. For information, visit the project website at https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/WatlandStreettoSportsDrive.

When will the new bus station be operational?

The Rochedale bus station and park 'n' ride will be ready for operation once work to realign and widen the M1 and the South East Busway extension is complete.

To enable north and southbound bus services to start, the South East Busway needs to be extended between Eight Mile Plains and the Springwood bus station. The new alignment for the busway is positioned where existing M1 southbound motorists currently travel.

To start construction on the South East Busway, all widening works on the M1 between Watland Street and the Gateway Motorway must first be complete, so that traffic can be diverted onto the new M1 motorway lanes. Completion of the M1 widening to Watland Street is expected by late 2024.

The diagram below shows the view from Rochedale Road off-ramp (Exit 19) looking south, indicating the work sequence:

- 1. New northbound M1 motorway lanes.
- 2. Relocate existing southbound motorway lanes onto old northbound motorway lanes.
- 3. Complete busway underpass at Exit 19 and structures.
- 4. Open busway onto old southbound motorway lanes once these are completed.



Will the South East Busway connect with the Rochedale bus station?

An additional kilometre of dedicated two-way busway will be constructed to connect the new bus station and park 'n' ride to the South East Busway from the corner of School Road in Rochedale.

Works to extend the South East Busway further south and connect the Rochedale and Springwood bus stations will be completed as part of Package 3 (<u>Watland Street to Sports Drive</u>), which started

construction in November 2020 and will continue until late 2024, weather and construction conditions permitting.

In all, a total of 3.8 kilometres of dedicated busway will be constructed to complete the 6.6kilometre connection between Eight Mile Plains and the Springwood bus station, via Rochedale bus station.

Will the community have an opportunity to have their say on the bus station design?

Detailed design for the new Rochedale bus station and park 'n' ride is governed by public transport infrastructure guidelines which provide a consistent set of principles and requirements for park 'n' ride facilities across the Translink network. As such, opportunities for community input into the detailed design is limited.

The public transport infrastructure guidelines are in place to ensure the delivery of coherent and consistent infrastructure to meet security, safety and accessibility requirements within the transport system. TMR are hosting a series of community drop-in sessions in June 2022.

What are the benefits of this project?

Constructing a new bus station and park 'n' ride facility for travel on a dedicated busway will:

- Give more southside residents a congestion-free run on fast, frequent and reliable bus services.
- Encourage more people to use public transport.
- Provide improved connections to where people live, work and play.
- Improve access to major destinations including the Brisbane Central Business District and Springwood.
- Help reduce congestion and overall vehicle emissions on the M1 by reducing car use. For every full bus, there are up to 40 fewer cars on the road.
- Allow for 1.7 million additional passengers to use the busway each year by 2026.

What bus routes will stop at the new Rochedale bus station?

Scheduling of bus routes is undertaken by Translink. Bus routes anticipated to use the extended South East Busway and stop at Rochedale bus station will be finalised as the project nears completion. Changes and/or additions to existing bus schedules will be communicated by Translink in advance of them taking effect.

Are land resumptions required for the upgrade?

All land required for this project has been acquired however, it is sometimes necessary for the Department to acquire additional land for construction purposes to provide for an improved and safer road network for the community.

For more information on the Department of Transport and Main Road's property resumption process, please visit <u>https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Community-and-environment/Property-information/Land-and-property-resumptions.</u>

How can I contact the project team?

For enquires about this upgrade, you can contact the project team at:

Phone: 1800 571 816* Email: <u>eightmileplains@tmr.qld.gov.au</u>

* Check with your service provider for call costs. Higher rates apply for mobile phones and pay phones.

How can I keep informed on the upgrade?

The project team has a free email and SMS text message traffic alert service to ensure residents and motorists are kept up to date with progress and are aware of changed traffic conditions during construction.

If you would like to register for these services, please email your details to <u>eightmileplains@tmr.qld.gov.au</u>

Learn more about the upgrade on the project web page: <u>www.tmr.qld.gov.au/rochedalebusstationparknride</u>

Who do I contact for assisted calls?

If you need an interpreter, call the Translating and Interpreting Service on **13 14 50*** and have them contact Transport and Main Roads on **13 23 80**.

If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment contact us through the <u>National Relay</u> <u>Service</u>:

- TTY users phone **13 36 77***, then ask for **13 23 80**.
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STAGE 2 – EIGHT MILE PLAINS TO DAISY HILL

What is the scope of works for Stage 2?

Stage 2 of the M1 North upgrade program is the <u>Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill upgrade</u> which is being delivered in four work packages. The Rochedale bus station and park 'n' ride upgrade is the fourth package of works along with:

Package 1: Sports Drive to Gateway Motorway: Construction started in April 2020 and was completed in September 2021. Read more about the project here: https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/sportsdrivetogatewaymotorway

Package 2: Pacific Highway early works: Construction started in July 2020 and was completed in May 2022. Read more about the project here: www.tmr.qld.gov.au/pacifichighway

Package 3: Watland Street to Sports Drive upgrade: Construction started in late 2020 and is expected to finish in late 2024. Read more about the project here: http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/watlandstreettosportsdrive

What are the benefits of Stage 2?

Stage 2 will provide many benefits to the travelling community, including:

- Reducing congestion and supporting faster peak hour travel in this area.
- Ensuring local travel networks are upgraded to efficiently take traffic away from the motorway.
- Increasing travel time reliability for freight and inter-regional transport.
- A greatly expanded walking and cycling network, giving you more choice for active travel.
- Supplying a more reliable bus service with the extension of the busway and new bus station facilities.

How many jobs will Stage 2 create?

Stage 2 is estimated to support an average of 721 jobs over the life of the project.

How much will Stage 2 cost?

Stage 2 is estimated to cost \$750 million. This includes costs related to concept planning and design, public service utility relocations, property acquisitions and construction.

How is Stage 2 being funded?

The \$750 million M1 Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill upgrade is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments. The Australian Government contributing \$510 million, and the Queensland Government contributing \$240 million.

When will the rest of the motorway be upgraded?

TMR has developed a Pacific Motorway (M1) Masterplan (Gateway to Logan Motorway), to address congestion issues along the northern extents of the M1.

This upgrade is being delivered in strategic priority stages as funding becomes available:

- Stage 1: <u>M1/M3 Gateway Merge</u> completed in mid-2020.
- Stage 2: Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill upgrade this project is currently in construction.
- Stage 3: <u>Daisy Hill to Logan Motorway upgrade</u> early planning phase.

For an overview of additional projects being delivered along the M1 corridor, please refer to the TMR website under Projects/Pacific Motorway M1 upgrade program here: https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/programs/pacific-motorway-m1-upgrade-program

How can I contact the TMR project team?

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