

MainRoads

Newsletter 2

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Gateway Motorway North Planning Study



Nudgee Interchange Upgrade draft plan released

Main Roads is planning to upgrade 3 km of the Gateway Motorway, including the interchange where Nudgee Road joins the motorway.

This upgrade will be the first step in delivering an overall improvement to 16km of the Gateway Motorway from Nudgee to the Bruce Highway.

One of the recurring comments we received from your feedback in Stage 1 was the need to do something now on the Gateway Motorway to assist with current traffic flows, particularly at Nudgee. This is one of the reasons we plan to upgrade this section of the motorway before the rest of the project area.

We have developed a draft upgrade plan that aims to achieve this and we are inviting the community to provide their feedback on the proposed layout (**see inside for more details**).

Get involved

The community now has the opportunity to get involved and have their say about the Nudgee Interchange Upgrade draft plan. We will also continue to encourage your feedback on the Gateway Motorway North Planning Study (**see inside for how to have your say**).

Gateway Motorway North Planning Study motors on

In November 2007, the study team encouraged the community to provide us with their feedback on the Gateway Motorway between Nudgee and the Bruce Highway. You told us about your issues, ideas and opportunities for improving the motorway (**see inside for a snapshot of the feedback we received**).

The study team is busy developing upgrade options for the remaining sections of the motorway. The information we gathered during Stage 1, along with further technical investigations, will assist us in developing upgrade options which will be presented to the community for comment early to mid 2009.



See inside for more information about

- » your feedback so far
- » our response to your feedback
- » next steps in planning
- » our findings to date
- » community information displays



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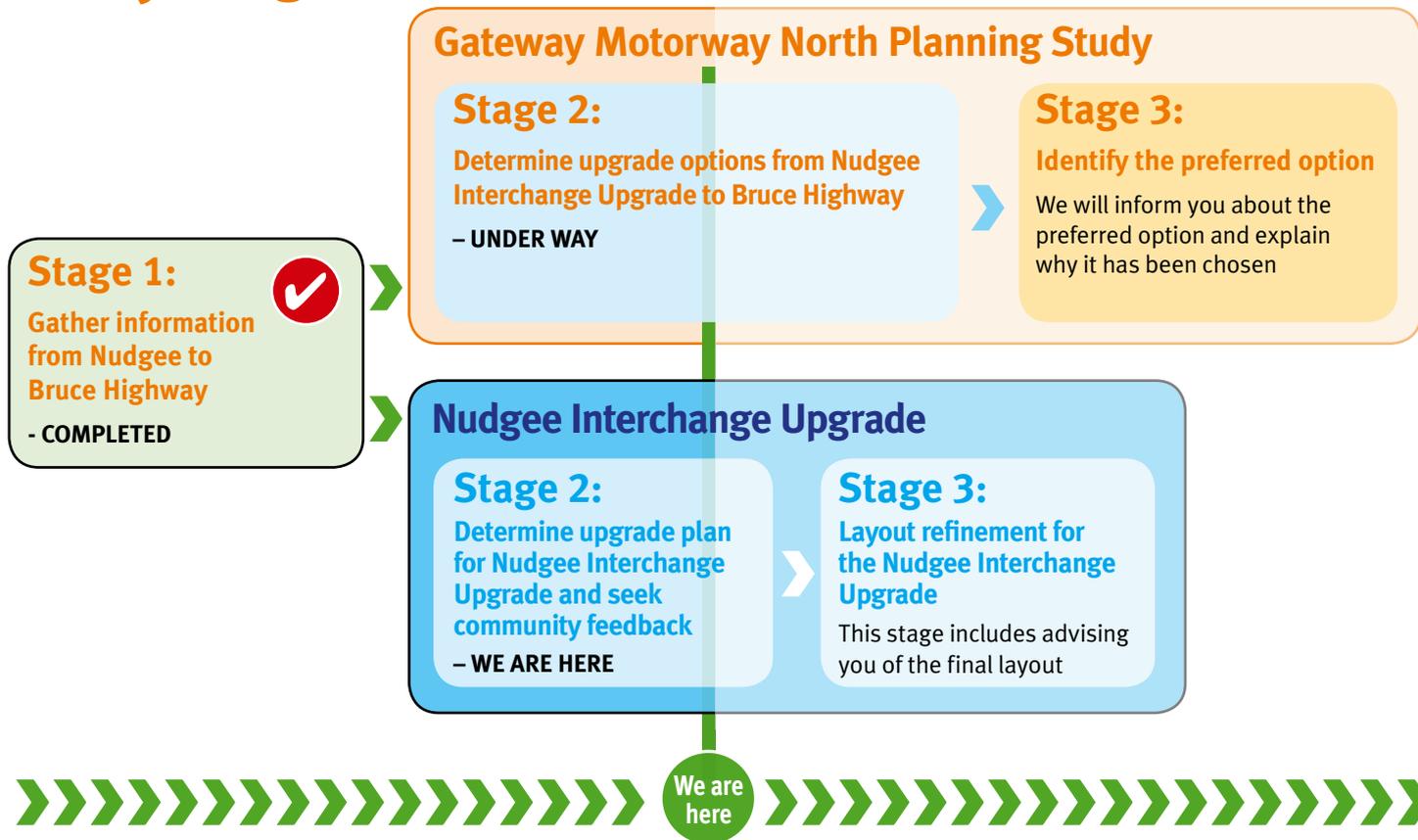


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Study Stages



Your feedback from Stage 1

Key issues/opportunities raised by the community so far and the study team's response

| What you told us | Study team response |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| You had overwhelming support for upgrading the Gateway Motorway. | We are continuing to plan the upgrade for the Gateway Motorway north of Nudgee and we are looking to deliver the Nudgee Interchange Upgrade project ahead of the rest of the planned upgrade. |
| You raised various safety issues and concerns along the motorway. | We will address these safety issues by incorporating contemporary design standards into planning the upgrade. |
| You called for adjacent environmental areas along the motorway to be protected. | We are doing an environmental assessment as part of the study. We will work with other government agencies and environmental groups to ensure that any environmental impacts are minimised and appropriate mitigation measures are adopted where necessary. |
| Those of you living next to the motorway are concerned about traffic noise. | A noise assessment will be undertaken in accordance with Main Roads' Noise Management Code of Practice to identify where noise is an issue and ways to lessen noise at these locations. |
| Some of you are experiencing difficulty with the length of on and off-ramps. | On and off-ramps will be upgraded to meet contemporary design standards. |

The next steps in planning

The study team will continue to conduct technical investigations on a range of issues including:

- » transport studies
- » road design
- » environmental assessments
- » underlying ground conditions along the route
- » cyclist and pedestrian needs

Stage 2 will also include:

- » ongoing meetings with the established Community Reference Group
- » newsletters
- » public displays
- » collecting your feedback

This feedback, together with further technical studies, will help the study team to determine the upgrade options to be released for public comment early to mid 2009. The preferred option will then be developed and presented to the community as part of Stage 3.



What we have found so far

Early technical investigations along the motorway have identified the following issues:

| Issues | Study team comments |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Road design investigations along the Gateway Motorway have found that many of the existing curves on the motorway are too sharp. | We will upgrade the road and change the alignment to meet contemporary motorway design standards. |
| Traffic and transport investigations of the road network in and around the Gateway Motorway have identified specific problems and deficiencies. | We will determine what additional capacity and connections are required in the road network to address future traffic demands. Some road connections may need to be changed to separate motorway and local traffic. |
| Consideration of the connections to the Gateway Motorway has led to a need to extend the study area to include the Bruce Highway north of the Pine River as far as Dohles Rocks Road. | This extension is to consider the future North South Urban Arterial in the vicinity of the Pine River when planning the upgraded connections required between the Gateway Motorway, Gympie Arterial Road and the Bruce Highway. |
| We know from previous projects and through consideration of the Gateway Motorway upgrade construction that the upgrade will need to occur during heavy traffic flows. | Upgrade options will seek to minimise any inconvenience to the community and travelling public where possible whilst implementing worksite safety standards. |
| Early investigations into the underlying ground conditions have provided a better understanding of soil and rock layers beneath the motorway. | The ground conditions along the motorway are generally soft and areas under the existing road have moved over time. This means special techniques and consideration will be required for the design of road and bridge upgrades. |



Go to our staffed displays

From Thursday 13 November to Saturday 29 November, study team members will be hosting staffed public displays at the following times and locations:

Toombul Shopping Centre

1015 Sandgate Road, Toombul

Thursday 13 November 2008 (4pm - 8pm) and
Saturday 15 November 2008 (10am - 2pm)

Bracken Ridge Plaza

Cnr Telegraph and Norris Roads, Bracken Ridge

Thursday 20 November 2008 (4pm - 8pm) and
Saturday 22 November 2008 (10am - 2pm)

Centro Taigum

Cnr Church and Beams Roads, Taigum

Thursday 27 November 2008 (4pm - 8pm) and
Saturday 29 November 2008 (10am - 2pm)

Go to our unstaffed displays

Main Roads will also have unstaffed displays at the following locations from Saturday 8 November 2008 to Saturday 6 December 2008:

Banyo Library, St Vincent's Road, Banyo

Bracken Ridge Library, Bracken Street, Bracken Ridge

Chermside Library, Hamilton Road, Chermside

Sandgate Library, Second Avenue, Sandgate

Office of Hon Neil Roberts, MP, Cnr Toombul and Melton Roads, Northgate

Office of Bonny Barry, MP, Shop 2, 1315 Gympie Road, Aspley

Office of Vicky Darling, MP, Shop 2, 5th Avenue, Sandgate

Newsletters will also be available from the offices of

The Honourable Wayne Swan, MP, 1162 Sandgate Road, Nundah

and **Yvette D'Ath, MP**, Shop 8, Aspley Planet Centre, 46 Gayford Street, Aspley.

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