Darra to Rocklea planning option released

The Darra to Rocklea planning option balances local community needs with expected future growth of the motorway. The Australian Government is funding a planning study for a future upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway from the Centenary Highway at Darra, to the Granard Road interchange at Rocklea.

Complementing existing road and rail construction projects in the Western Corridor, this planning study will address current and future transport needs.

In 2003, a concept design was developed for the entire length of the Ipswich Motorway. The project team has now reviewed this initial concept design and developed a long-term planning option for the seven kilometre section of motorway between Darra and Rocklea.

This planning option is in line with current road safety standards, balancing existing traffic movements and local land use changes with expected future growth in the region.

Get involved
Have your say on the planning option.
- Visit one of the public displays (see back page for details)
- Call 1800 204 990 (freecall within Australia*)
- Email darra2rocklea@tmr.qld.gov.au
- Post your feedback form (attached)
* Freecall Australia wide. Higher rates may apply from mobile phones and pay phones.

Did you know?
- South East Queensland’s population is expected to grow from 2.8 million in 2006 to around 4.4 million in 2031.
- The daily traffic on some sections of the Darra to Rocklea stretch of the Ipswich Motorway exceeds 80 000 vehicles, and is expected to increase by over 30% in the coming decades.
- The majority of freight in South East Queensland is moved on roads. By 2031 road freight journeys are forecast to be approximately double what they are today.
Transforming the Western Corridor

From the first planning concept for the entire 19km length of the Ipswich Motorway in 2003, the motorway has been transformed by significant staged upgrades as federal government funding became available.

Western Corridor projects including Dinmore to Goodna, the Ipswich/Logan Interchange and Wacol to Darra are now completed or under construction.

The Darra to Rocklea section is the final part of the Ipswich Motorway to be upgraded. Following community engagement activities in May to June 2010, the project team will develop a business case that details the project’s costs and benefits and staging options.

Key benefits

The Darra to Rocklea planning option is designed to:
- increase road safety
- reduce traffic congestion
- improve travel time reliability for motorway users
- enhance access for pedestrians and cyclists along the corridor.

To achieve these benefits and meet today’s design standards, the planning option includes:
- a minimum of six lanes on the motorway
- changes to on and off-ramps
- additional service roads
- using Intelligent Traffic Systems
- more pedestrian paths and bikeways
- improved connection to and between other roads in the area.

Why do road design standards change?

Transport and Main Roads uses a comprehensive set of standards to guide the design of new roads or upgrades. These standards cover issues ranging from intersection layouts and ramp spacing to pavement construction. They take account of national and international best practice.

The department reviews these standards regularly to ensure they keep up with changes in road design and available technologies. By updating these standards and carrying out research, the department ensures the design of new or upgraded roads meets current best practice and will deliver safe and efficient long-term solutions for the community.
The proposed changes to the motorway and local roads along this section of the Ipswich Motorway from Darra to Rocklea are based on local traffic patterns. The design addresses important safety concerns and the needs of the local community.

Key benefits

- Providing better local connections to improve traffic flow and decrease congestion
- Rationalising on and off-ramps to improve safety, and limit ramp queuing and traffic weaving on the motorway
- Upgrading many sections of local service roads for two way connectivity
- Upgrading pedestrian paths and bikeways for improved active transport options
New off-ramp and service road connection to Donaldson Rd overpass, providing connectivity to Rocklea industrial precinct.

Extension of westbound on-ramp at Blunder Rd to Kimberley St.

Changes to Oxley/Blunder Rd interchange on and off-ramps.

Boundary Rd extended from Rocklea to connect with Blunder Rd at Oxley.

The planning option includes significant upgrades to the Blunder and Oxley Rd interchange to improve traffic flow, safety and travel times. Improvements to adjoining service roads will mean better connectivity and less congestion.
**Additional improvements to Granard Rd interchange building on the 2006 upgrade. These will provide better access from the Ipswich Motorway westbound to the Rocklea/Archerfield industrial precinct.**

- Improved connectivity with access to Oxley via Boundary Rd extension
- Eastbound off-ramp to Donaldson Rd and westbound on-ramp from Boundary Rd removed to improve traffic flow
- Westbound off-ramp to Suscatand St removed
- Eastbound off-ramp to Boundary Rd removed
- Westbound off-ramp to the Ipswich Motorway directly to Ashover Rd
- New westbound off-ramp from the Ipswich Motorway
- Minor improvements to existing bridge at the Granard Rd interchange
- Westbound on and off-ramps at Randolph St removed to improve safety
- Improved connectivity with access to Oxley via Boundary Rd extension
Get involved and have your say

Community feedback plays an important role in infrastructure projects. The project team reviewed feedback received as part of the 2003 Ipswich Motorway Planning Study to understand some of the key issues in the area.

As there have been many changes in the suburbs of Darra, Richlands, Oxley and Rocklea, the project team will be consulting property owners, businesses and the wider community again to ensure their current issues and concerns are understood, and to discuss potential property impacts.

Community feedback will continue to shape this project. Transport and Main Roads invites all members of the community to get involved in the study.

You can have your say by:

- visiting a community information session
- visiting an unstaffed display
- contacting the project team by phone, email or fax
- sending a feedback form (attached in this newsletter).

If you would like to talk to the project team about this study come along to one of the community information sessions we are holding at the following times:

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TTY services: 13 36 77

Interpreters and translation services: if you require the assistance of an interpreter, please call TIS National on 13 14 50 and ask to speak to the Darra to Rocklea Planning Study Team on 1800 204 990.

Muốn có một bản dịch bằng tiếng Việt của tờ thông tin này, xin liên lạc với tổ dự án qua số 1800 204 990.
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Ipswich Motorway Planning Study: Darra to Rocklea

We want your feedback on the planning option to upgrade the Ipswich Motorway between Darra and Rocklea, including the local service roads.

Have your say by completing this feedback form. You can attach additional pages if required. Cut off the page where marked, fold into thirds, seal the edge and post it back to us by Friday 2 July 2010 (no stamp required). Alternatively, call the project team on 1800 204 990 (Freecall Australia wide. Higher rates may apply from mobile phones and pay phones) or email darra2rocklea@tmr.qld.gov.au

1. How often do you use this stretch of the Ipswich Motorway?  □ Daily  □ Weekly  □ Monthly  □ Rarely

2. What is your main reason for using this part of the motorway between Darra and Rocklea? (e.g. commuting, accessing local facilities or delivering goods)

3. What are your main concerns about the Ipswich Motorway, local roads and pedestrian/cycle access between Darra and Rocklea?

4. What are your thoughts on the proposed planning option?

5. What additional information would you like to receive about this planning study?

6. I am a  □ Resident  □ Business owner/manager  □ Other

Your contact details (optional)

First name ____________________________ Last name ____________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________
Telephone ____________________________ Mobile ____________________________
Email ____________________________

I would like to receive updates about the planning study  □ Yes  □ No

If yes, how would you like to receive updates?  □ Email  □ Post

Your privacy: any information collected as part of this project will be used solely for the purposes of the Ipswich Motorway Planning Study: Darra to Rocklea. This information will be accessible only to Department of Main Roads project team members and consultants undertaking project activities on their behalf. This information will not be disclosed to any third party without your consent unless required by law.