

Project overview

PortConnect – delivering a safe, efficient motorway connecting motorists and commercial vehicles to the Port of Brisbane.

What is the Port Connect project?

The Queensland Government is undertaking a \$385 million upgrade of the Port of Brisbane Motorway as part of its long-term plan to meet the transport needs of the Port of Brisbane and Australia TradeCoast.

The project, known as Port Connect, will deliver a duplication of the existing two-lane motorway, as well as a three kilometre extension. On completion of this project the Port of Brisbane Motorway will be four lanes from the Gateway Motorway through to Pritchard Street, Lytton.

The work will deliver a new interchange with an overpass between Lytton Road and Pritchard Street. This interchange provides access to the Port of Brisbane Motorway from the local road network, as well as allowing vehicles to make local trips.

Port Connect will take just over two years to deliver with completion by mid-2013.

Project background

The Port of Brisbane Motorway was initially opened in 2003 as a two-lane motorway from the Gateway Motorway to Lindum Road.

Following this, the Queensland Government undertook a study to consider future needs of road users, as well as proposed transport linkages to and from the port. The study found there was a strong economic case for an upgrade of the motorway.

Project delivery and construction

BMD Seymour Whyte Joint Venture was selected in December 2010 to deliver Port Connect. The team is now in the design phase with construction due to commence in April 2011 following detailed planning and the completion of environmental and geotechnical investigations.

Construction will take place in stages and will include:

- a duplication of the existing three kilometre Port of Brisbane Motorway
- construction of three kilometres of motorway from the existing Port of Brisbane Motorway at Lindum Road to Pritchard Street
- a new overpass from Lytton Road to Pritchard Street
- construction of new on and off-ramps at the Lindum Road and Pritchard Street overpasses
- construction of a new access track for local businesses and the ENERGEX substation off Lindum Road
- construction of a flora and fauna passage under the motorway called the Green Bridge
- new signalised intersections for the Pritchard Street overpass at Lytton Road and Export Street
- construction of cul-de-sacs at Freight Street and the existing Pritchard Street access to Port Drive (see 'Changes to Freight Street and Pritchard Street' factsheet).

Benefits of Port Connect

Port Connect is a priority project for the Queensland Government and will deliver significant benefits such as reducing congestion, improving safety and cutting journey times. The improvements to the Port of Brisbane Motorway will lead to considerable economic benefits by improving connections for commercial vehicles to the Australia TradeCoast and the Port of Brisbane, Australia's third busiest port.

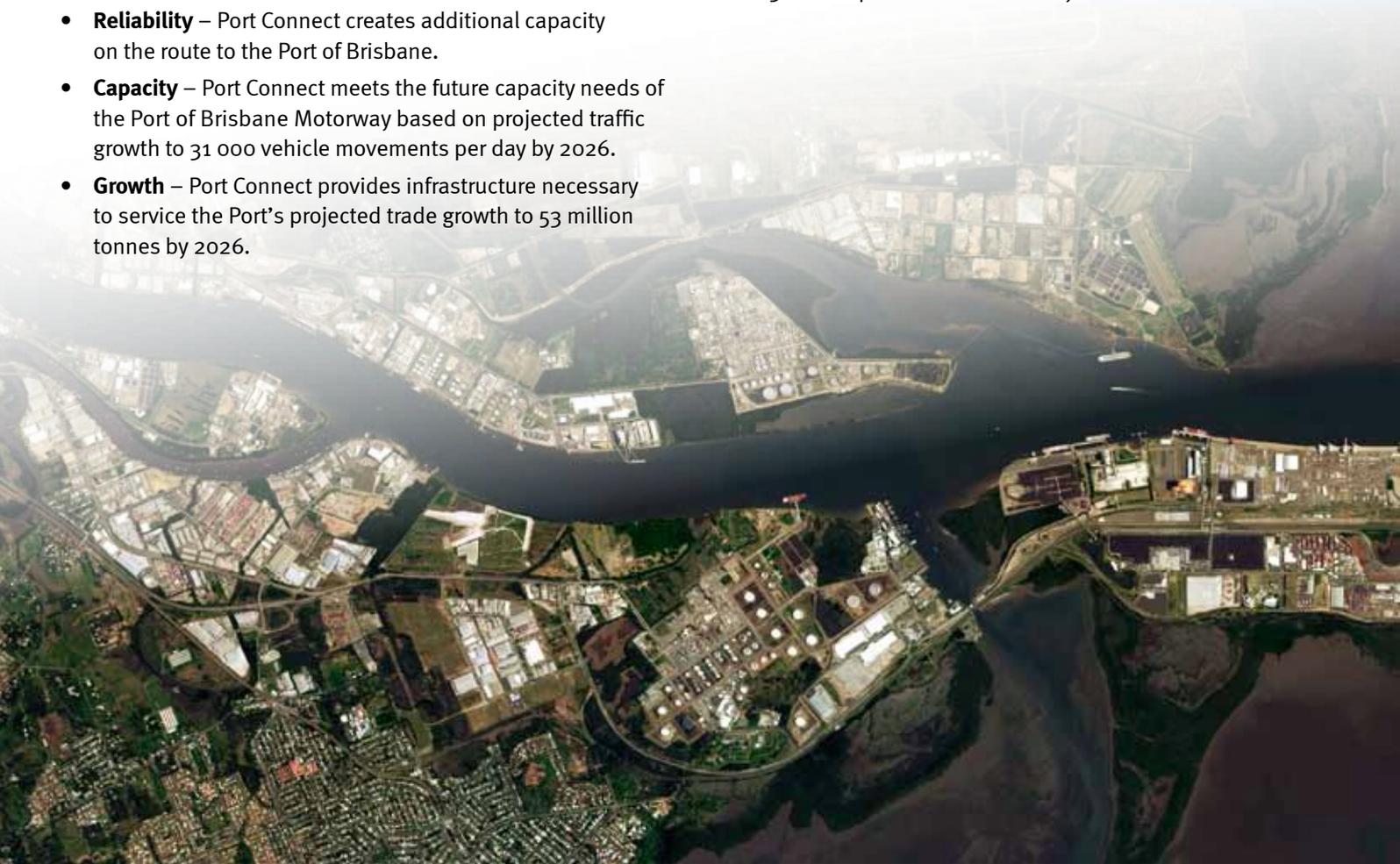
Some of the key benefits identified include:

- **Safety** – Port Connect separates heavy, port-bound vehicles from local traffic and delivers road geometry well-suited for heavy vehicles.
- **Reliability** – Port Connect creates additional capacity on the route to the Port of Brisbane.
- **Capacity** – Port Connect meets the future capacity needs of the Port of Brisbane Motorway based on projected traffic growth to 31 000 vehicle movements per day by 2026.
- **Growth** – Port Connect provides infrastructure necessary to service the Port's projected trade growth to 53 million tonnes by 2026.

Some key facts about the Port of Brisbane

Every stage of the project's development has confirmed the urgent need to upgrade the Port of Brisbane Motorway. Some key facts about the future growth of the Port of Brisbane:

- It is Australia's fastest growing container port, and Queensland's largest general cargo port.
- Vehicle movements on the port road are predicted to grow from 17 000 per day to 31 000 per day by 2026.
- Total trade at the port is projected to grow from 32 million tonnes to 53 million tonnes by 2026 with the number of containers moved expected to triple.
- 83% of all port trade is moved by road.



Contact us

Port Connect's Community Engagement Team is available to answer questions about the project and to provide information about construction progress.

You can contact the team:

in person: From April 2011, you can visit the team at the Port Connect Visitors Centre on the corner of Export Street and Pritchard Street, Lytton between 9 am – 5 pm Monday to Friday (closed public holidays).

via phone: Freecall Port Connect on **1800 625 801** (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). *Call charges may apply from mobile phones and pay phones.*

via email: Email the team at portconnect@tmr.qld.gov.au

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For further information about Port Connect, please visit the website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Projects.

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