

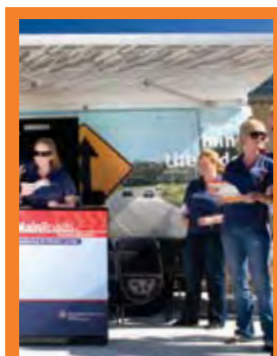
## Taking information into communities

To keep people informed Main Roads regularly showcases all Western Corridor transport projects at community information displays throughout the corridor.

### Have you seen 'Mobi'?

We make information easy to access by visiting shopping centres and attending events and festivals with our mobile community engagement van, who is fondly referred to as 'Mobi'.

Since May this year, we have held around 30 coordinated community information displays in the Western Corridor – that's almost one per week, usually on weekends. There has been strong interest in these displays which have been attended by well over 2,000 people. These displays were held in a wide range of suburbs throughout the Western Corridor, including: Amberley; Boonah; Booval; Brassall; Camira; Darra; Flinders View; Goodna; Middle Park; North Ipswich; Redbank; Richlands; Riverview; Seventeen Mile Rocks; Springfield; Sumner; Wacol; Willowbank and Yamanto. Our next round of displays will be in early 2009.



Mobi attended the V8 Supercars event at Willowbank in July to help draw attention to important traffic changes on the Ipswich Motorway.

If you would like 'Mobi' to attend an event in your area, please call the Western Corridor hotline on 1800 013 189



## Look how far we've come — Centenary Highway Extension

These photos show progress on the Centenary Highway Extension project since construction began 21 months ago. This project involves extending the Centenary Highway from Springfield to join with the Cunningham Highway at Yamanto. When completed, the Centenary Highway Extension will become the primary transport corridor for communities in southern Ipswich, including Springfield, Ripley Valley and the Swanbank industrial area.



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## Who do I contact if I have a question?

### Coordinated Western Corridor hotline

For easy-to-access information, Main Roads operates a freecall hotline. Simply call **1800 013 189** and follow the voice prompts to connect to the Western Corridor transport project teams 24 hours a day. You can also speak to a Main Roads officer (during business hours) about any general Western Corridor transport project matter.

Project name	Project hotline	Email address
Centenary Highway Extension: Springfield to Yamanto	1800 500 544*	centenary@mainroads.qld.gov.au
Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Wacol to Darra	1800 605 410*	wacol2darra@mainroads.qld.gov.au
Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Ipswich/Logan Interchange	1800 703 093*	ipswich.logan@mainroads.qld.gov.au
Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Dinmore to Goodna	1800 465 682*	dinmore2goodna@mainroads.qld.gov.au
Darra to Springfield Transport Corridor (Road and Rail)	1800 887 464*	info@horizon.incite.com.au
Corinda to Darra Rail Upgrade	1800 680 385*	corinda2darra@trackstar.incite.com.au
Warrego to Cunningham Connection	3725 7400	metro@mainroads.qld.gov.au
Warrego Highway/Brisbane Valley Highway Interchange	1800 052 722*	aubnewarrego@pb.com.au

\* Freecall within Queensland. Higher rates apply from mobile phones and pay phones. If calling from outside Queensland, STD rates will apply.

Main Roads' Western Corridor website provides access to each Western Corridor transport project website at [www.mainroads.qld.gov.au/westerncorridor](http://www.mainroads.qld.gov.au/westerncorridor) or you can email the team at [westerncorridor@mainroads.qld.gov.au](mailto:westerncorridor@mainroads.qld.gov.au)

### Traffic reports and assistance – 13 19 40

Another 24 hour service Main Roads offers motorists and the community is the 13 19 40 traffic report hotline. Call for up-to-date information on traffic conditions including traffic reports and updates, road and lane closures and construction and maintenance work. You can also visit the website [www.131940.qld.gov.au](http://www.131940.qld.gov.au) or email [enquiries@131940.qld.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@131940.qld.gov.au)

**Did you know?**  
Most projects in the Western Corridor operate freecall 1800 hotlines that are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also email the project teams or visit their websites for the latest information.

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## Western Corridor Transport Newsletter - November 2008



### Welcome to our second newsletter!

A lot has happened in the Western Corridor over the past six months, with a lot more planned next year. Anyone driving, taking a train or catching a bus through the corridor will notice major improvements in progress. These improvements are all part of the various transport projects underway to transform the Western Corridor.

In our last newsletter, we talked about how much is happening in the corridor and explained how the Department of Main Roads is coordinating the Western Corridor transport projects to minimise disruption to motorists and industry.

In this newsletter, we've included a timeline on the inside map to show how projects in the corridor are being completed in stages and to show some of the milestones that will be reached as early as 2009.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during construction.

### What is the Western Corridor?

The Western Corridor is best described in the South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program: **The Western Corridor extends generally from Wacol through Ipswich City to Amberley and includes Ebenezer, Swanbank, Ripley Valley and Springfield.** The main transport routes in the Western Corridor are the Ipswich Motorway and the Centenary Highway.

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## Another Western Corridor project starts construction soon

The upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway between Dinmore and Goodna is on track to begin in early 2009.

Eight kilometres of the Ipswich Motorway will be upgraded as part of the project, which includes:

- widening the motorway to a minimum of six lanes
- improving service roads to cater for local traffic
- enhancing access to community facilities, including public transport.

### Ipswich Motorway – a vital link

The Ipswich Motorway plays an important role in our transport network. This motorway is a vital link between Ipswich and Brisbane and connects the Warrego Highway, Cunningham Highway, Logan Motorway and Centenary Highway to the Brisbane traffic network. It also links us nationally and plays a major role in freight movement in south east Queensland.

The Ipswich Motorway is being upgraded in stages according to priority. See the inside map for more details on how these projects are being staged. The upgraded Ipswich Motorway will provide improved traffic flow and less congestion for many years.

Main Roads is responsible for delivering these Ipswich Motorway upgrade projects, with funding from the Australian Government.

## Managing traffic during construction

The transport projects in the Western Corridor are some of the most complex and challenging ever undertaken in Queensland.

Upgrading major motorways and highways and keeping traffic flowing during construction is no easy task. By carefully staging traffic changes, Main Roads is successfully upgrading these roads with minimal disruption to motorists.

Brisbane is home to Australia's fastest growing port, airport, and industry and trade precinct. The Western Corridor is the gateway between Brisbane and the rest of Australia for heavy industrial freight transport. During construction, Main Roads is working with industry representatives to ensure the effective movement of freight throughout this vital corridor.

### Did you know?

- Our recent telephone survey shows 86 per cent of people are either 'very satisfied', 'satisfied', or 'okay' with the way traffic is being managed throughout construction sites in the Western Corridor.
- Around 90,000 vehicles use the Ipswich Motorway each day and up to 13 per cent of these are freight vehicles.



## Minimising environmental impacts

**Environmental Management Plans are in place for all construction projects in the Western Corridor.**

These plans outline how projects will monitor and reduce impacts to the environment during construction – as well as how they will comply with government regulations. Here are some examples of how these plans are used on site.

### Oranges used to fight dust!

Project teams in the Western Corridor are always looking for ways to reduce dust generated during construction. A new solution is being trialled on the Wacol to Darra project that mixes orange oil, water and a substance that helps to lock in moisture.

Water is usually used to suppress dust. With the help of this new mix, water penetrates deeper into the roads, and stays in the ground for longer. The water doesn't stay on the surface of the road for long, so there is less water lost through evaporation.

The use of this mix reduces the amount of water needed in water tanks by up to 40 per cent. It is biodegradable and does not irritate humans or animals. And best of all, it helps to collect the dust particles.

Project water trucks will soon be fitted with new pumps so that the orange oil can be used in all water trucks on the construction site.



Minimising environmental impacts is a top priority here at Main Roads and project teams are always on the look out for new and innovative ways to look after the environment throughout all project phases.

### Other examples

**Using recycled water:**  
All projects under construction use recycled water for dust suppression.

**Looking after animals (fauna):**  
On the Darra to Springfield Transport Corridor project, fauna (land and water species) movement across the corridor was identified as a key risk. The team undertook additional studies to determine which native species would be likely to move through the area and based on the results, designed a fauna passage under the Bullockhead Creek road and rail bridges for native fauna to use.

Spotters and catchers are people who are licensed and trained to identify and relocate fauna during vegetation clearing required for construction. Spotters and catchers are used on all construction projects.

### Looking after plants (flora):

On the Centenary Highway Extension project, a rare species of plant, the *Melaleuca Irbiana*, was found along the preserved transport corridor. Prior to clearing the vegetation, seeds were collected for propagation and stored for replanting at the end of the project.

**Watching for fire ants:**  
Most of the projects under construction are located in designated fire ant zones and these projects have procedures in place to reduce the risk of fire ants spreading. For example, the Ipswich/Logan Interchange project construction site is inspected for fire ants every 28 days. Declaration certificates are required for any imported soil, mulch or fill material which is brought onto the construction site from within a fire ant zone. Check sheets are completed for all plant equipment leaving the site.

**Other innovations:**  
The Corinda to Darra project has been trialling new products, such as erosion and sediment control techniques, to continually improve environmental outcomes. Concrete has been laid at all site construction access points to reduce mud being tracked onto public roads and minimise the potential for any mud to flow into storm water drainage.



## Transport projects underway in the Western Corridor

### Warrego Highway/Brisbane Valley Highway Intersection Upgrade

#### Planning Study

**1 What** The preferred option for upgrading the Warrego Highway and Brisbane Valley Highway intersection has been released after extensive community consultation and technical investigations. A business case has been developed for consideration by the Australian and Queensland Governments

**Where** Warrego Highway and Brisbane Valley Highway intersection at Blacksoil

**When** Timing for construction is yet to be determined

**Why** To improve safety, access and connectivity in the area and achieve consistent, reliable and safe driving conditions

**Funding** To be determined

### Centenary Highway Extension: Springfield to Yamanto

**2 What** An 18km extension of the two-lane Centenary Highway from Springfield to join the Cunningham Highway at Yamanto

**Where** Centenary Highway between Springfield and Yamanto

**When** December 2006 to mid 2009

**Why** To service the transport needs of the growing Springfield and southern Ipswich areas, provide better connectivity to the Cunningham Highway/Ipswich Motorway route and link the two key Ipswich urban centres of Springfield and Yamanto

**Funding** \$366 million (Queensland Government funded)

### Warrego/Cunningham Connection

**3 What** A road corridor is being preserved to link the Cunningham and Warrego Highways

**Where** Dinmore

**When** Timing for construction is yet to be determined

**Why** To reduce heavy vehicle traffic and improve safety on River Road, the only current connection

**Funding** To be determined

### Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Dinmore to Goodna

**4 What** Upgrade of an 8km section of the Ipswich Motorway, including widening to a minimum of six lanes, constructing new service roads and reducing merging and lane changing along the Motorway

**Where** Ipswich Motorway between Dinmore and Goodna

**When** Early 2009 to 2012

**Why** To improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, increase safety, enhance access and separate local and regional traffic movements

**Funding** To be determined

### Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Ipswich/Logan Interchange

**5 What** Upgrade of the interchange connecting the Ipswich and Logan Motorways and upgrade of a 2km stretch of the Ipswich Motorway to a minimum of six lanes. New bridges, service roads and underpasses will be constructed as part of the project

**Where** Ipswich Motorway between Goodna and Gailes

**When** February 2007 to mid 2009

**Why** To improve safety, traffic flow, local access and travel times on the Ipswich Motorway

**Funding** \$255 million (Australian Government funded)

### Corinda to Darra Rail Upgrade

**6 What** Construction of new rail tracks between Corinda and Darra with station facility upgrades at Oxley and Darra

**Where** Rail line between Corinda and Darra

**When** Mid 2008 to 2010

**Why** To improve public transport for residents in Brisbane's western suburbs

**Funding** \$189 million (Queensland Government funded)

### Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Wacol to Darra

**7 What** Stage one: Major upgrade of the Centenary Highway Interchange to a free flowing, multi-level interchange and upgrade of a 3km section of the Ipswich Motorway to a minimum of six lanes  
Stage two: Upgrade of the section of motorway west of Sandy Creek at Wacol to meet the Ipswich/Logan Interchange at Gailes

**Where** Ipswich Motorway between Wacol and Darra

**When** Stage one: April 2008 to late 2010  
Stage two: Timing for construction is yet to be determined

**Why** To improve safety, reduce congestion, improve traffic flow, increase reliability and reduce travel times

**Funding** Stage one: \$700 million (Australian Government funded)  
Stage two: To be determined

### Darra to Springfield Transport Corridor

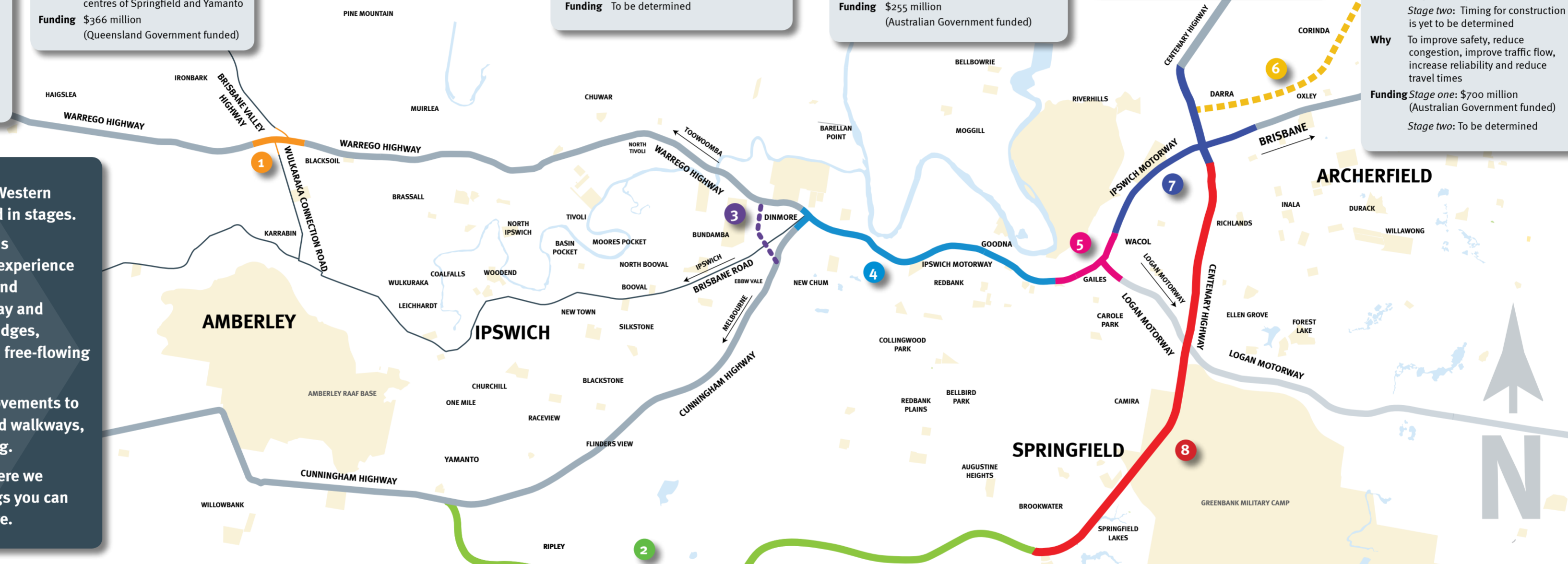
**8 What** Stage one: Construction of a new passenger rail line from Darra to Richlands and duplication of the Centenary Highway from Richlands to the Logan Motorway Interchange at Carole Park  
Balance of the project: Construction of the rail line from Richlands to a new station at Springfield and duplication of the Centenary Highway to Springfield

**Where** Road and rail corridor between Darra and Springfield, including the Centenary Highway

**When** Stage one: July 2008 to 2011  
Balance of the project: Due for completion by 2015

**Why** To create more flexible travel options for commuters and to service the future needs of the growing Western Corridor region

**Funding** Stage one: \$800 million (Queensland Government funded)  
Balance of the project: To be determined



The transport projects in the Western Corridor are being constructed in stages.

As more projects move towards completion, you will begin to experience greater efficiency, reliability and safety on the Ipswich Motorway and Centenary Highway as new bridges, overpasses, service roads and free-flowing interchanges are constructed.

There will also be major improvements to public transport, bikeways and walkways, and new trees and landscaping.

The timeline below shows where we are now and some of the things you can expect to see in the near future.

The Queensland Department of Main Roads is currently reviewing the previous 2003 concept planning for the Ipswich Motorway upgrade from Darra to Rocklea.

## Timeline for projects in the Western Corridor

