

Project Update

The Ipswich Motorway Upgrade forms part of the AusLink strategy for upgrading major transport corridors in south east Queensland. The Australian and Queensland governments are cooperating to implement this project progressively, including widening the motorway between Wacol and Darra by late 2010.

The Australian Government has committed \$700 million to the first section of the Wacol to Darra upgrade, which will relieve congestion along this section of the motorway and improve safety and reliability for motorists.

Construction will begin by March 2008 and includes a major upgrade of the Centenary Highway Interchange. The project is due to be completed in late 2010.

The Australian Government is funding the progressive upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway:

- » Granard Road and Ipswich Motorway section - completed in 2006
- » Ipswich/Logan Interchange - expected to be completed in early 2009, and

- » Dinmore to Goodna section - there is an Australian Government election commitment of \$1.1 billion to upgrade the Dinmore to Goodna section - expected to begin construction in early 2009 and finish by late 2012.

The Queensland Department of Main Roads is delivering these projects.

Why we need the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade



South east Queensland's population is projected to grow by one million people in the next two decades. Working within the AusLink framework for developing transport infrastructure around Australia, the Australian and Queensland governments have agreed on the way forward for increasing the capacity of the Ipswich Motorway to meet projected traffic demand in the

growth corridor where many more people will live by 2026.

It's also important that the motorway serve its function in moving freight efficiently from interstate and other parts of Queensland to Brisbane and the port at Fisherman Island.

The program has started and the next stage is set to begin.

Project benefits

- » improved safety on the Ipswich Motorway between Wacol and Darra
- » reduced congestion
- » improved and consistent traffic flow, and
- » increased reliability and better travel times.

SAFELink Alliance

The Department of Main Roads established SAFELink Alliance to deliver the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade from Wacol to Darra.

SAFELink Alliance consists of five partners including Main Roads, Leighton Contractors, BMD Constructions, Maunsell Australia and Arup.

What will the upgrade include?

Section 1 east of Progress Road in Wacol (Jervis Street, Darra to Sandy Creek, Wacol)

Section 2 west of Progress Road (Sandy Creek, Wacol to the Ipswich Logan Motorway Interchange, Gailes)

- 1 widening the Ipswich Motorway from the Logan Motorway at Gailes to Jervis Street at Darra (five kilometres) from four to six lanes, with provision for eight lanes in the future
- 2 a major upgrade of the Centenary Highway Interchange
- 3 new bridges over Bullockhead and Sandy Creeks
- 4 removal of motorway access and exit points at Campbell Avenue and Akenside Street at Wacol, Bakery Road and Kelliher Road at Darra and Bullockhead Street at Sumner, to improve safety and traffic flow
- 5 new bridges over the Ipswich rail line
- 6 new pedestrian and cyclist paths, and
- 7 earthworks and bridgeworks for a new rail line from Darra to Springfield passing through the new Centenary Highway Interchange.



Centenary Highway Interchange

Construction of the Centenary Highway Interchange will commence by April 2008 with anticipated completion in late 2010.

The works will involve:

- » a transformation of the current roundabout to a multi-level system interchange
- » removal of on and off ramps to the Centenary Highway Interchange, and

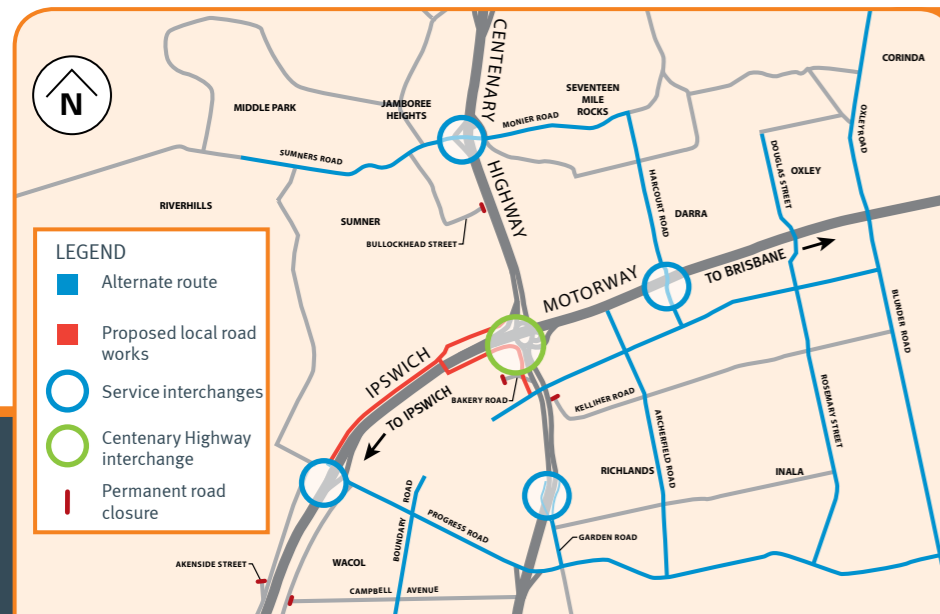
» provision of local access via service interchanges at Harcourt Road, Progress Road, Summers Road and Garden Road.

Benefits of the Centenary Highway Interchange upgrade include:

- » improved traffic flow between the Ipswich Motorway and Centenary Highway

- » reduced congestion on the Ipswich Motorway, and
- » improved safety and reliability for motorists.

Earlier planning has been acknowledged and has evolved to reflect current motorway safety and design standards.



Service interchanges in the local road network are located at Harcourt Road, Progress Road, Summers Road and Garden Road.

A system interchange is a connection between two major roads such as a motorway or highway. The interchange provides free traffic flow between both major roads.

A service interchange is a link between a major and minor road. Service interchanges provide access for local traffic to a motorway or highway from residential, commercial and industrial areas with lower traffic volumes.

Your comments

Please provide your comments and questions about the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade between Wacol and Darra. Your feedback will help the project team deliver the best outcome for the community.

Your comments

Your contact details: (optional)

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Frequently asked questions

How will the project benefit local residents and businesses?

The Ipswich Motorway Upgrade will improve safety, relieve congestion and enhance reliability.

Who is funding the project?

The Australian Government is funding section one of the Wacol to Darra Upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway.

Will there be traffic disruptions during the construction period?

The upgrade will be built with two traffic lanes in each direction available during peak periods and most other times. The project team will work closely with the community to minimise any disruptions during construction.

What are the stages of construction?

For construction purposes the project has been divided into two sections. Construction of the first section, east of Progress Road in Wacol (Jervis Street, Darra to Sandy Creek, Wacol) will commence in early 2008.

Prior to the commencement of section two works, west of Progress Road (Sandy Creek, Wacol to the Ipswich Logan Motorway Interchange, Gales) Main Roads will engage the community about future traffic impacts for this section.

There are many transport and infrastructure projects occurring throughout the western corridor, who is responsible for these?

There are several large-scale projects happening throughout the area. These include:

- » Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Ipswich/Logan Interchange Upgrade (ph: 1800 703 093)
- » Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Dinmore to Goodna (ph: 1800 465 682)
- » Corinda to Darra Rail Upgrade (ph: 1800 680 385)
- » Darra to Springfield Transport Corridor (Road and Rail) (ph: 1800 887 464)
- » Centenary Highway Extension: Springfield to Yamanto (ph: 1800 500 544)

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The Department of Main Roads would like to thank you for your cooperation and patience during this important program.

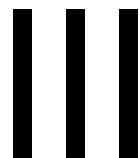
Work is subject to weather and construction conditions with dates subject to change.



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