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Watland Street to Sports Drive

Pacific Motorway (M1) Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill upgrade

The Queensland Government is building a better M1 with the Stage 2 Pacific Motorway (M1) upgrade program between Eight Mile Plains and Daisy Hill (EMP2DH) now in construction.

This \$750 million project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments.

The Watland Street to Sports Drive upgrade is the third package of works being delivered as part of Stage 2.

Stage 2 comprises upgrades to eight kilometres of the M1 and will be constructed in four separate packages:

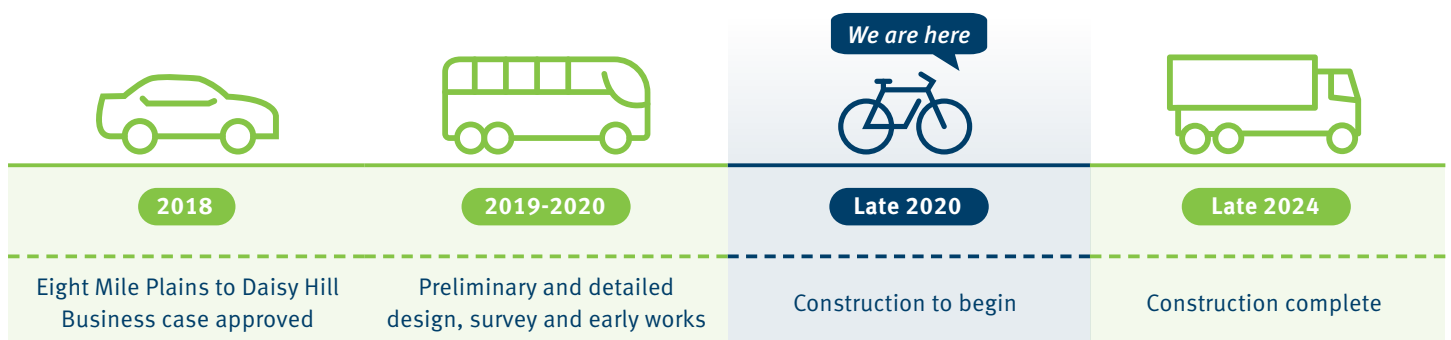
1. Sports Drive to Gateway Motorway
2. Pacific Highway early works
3. Watland Street to Sports Drive
4. Rochedale bus station and park 'n' ride.

Project features

The Watland Street to Sports Drive upgrade will include:

- widening northbound lanes of the M1 to 4 lanes between Watland Street to the existing Sports Drive on-ramp
- widening southbound lanes of the M1 to 4 lanes between Rochedale Road off-ramp (Exit 19) and Logan Road
- constructing a new M1 on-ramp at Lexington Road, with ramp metering, to replace the existing on-ramp at Sports Drive
- upgrading the Logan Road/ Compton Road/ Lexington Road intersection
- extending the South East Busway to the Springwood bus station
- extending the V1 Veloway cycle facilities, including local connections at Sports Drive, Springwood Road and Moss Street
- widening southbound lanes of Rochedale Road to 3 lanes between the M1 off-ramp (Exit 19) and Springwood Road
- installing noise barriers adjacent residential areas to the east and west of the M1.

Key milestones



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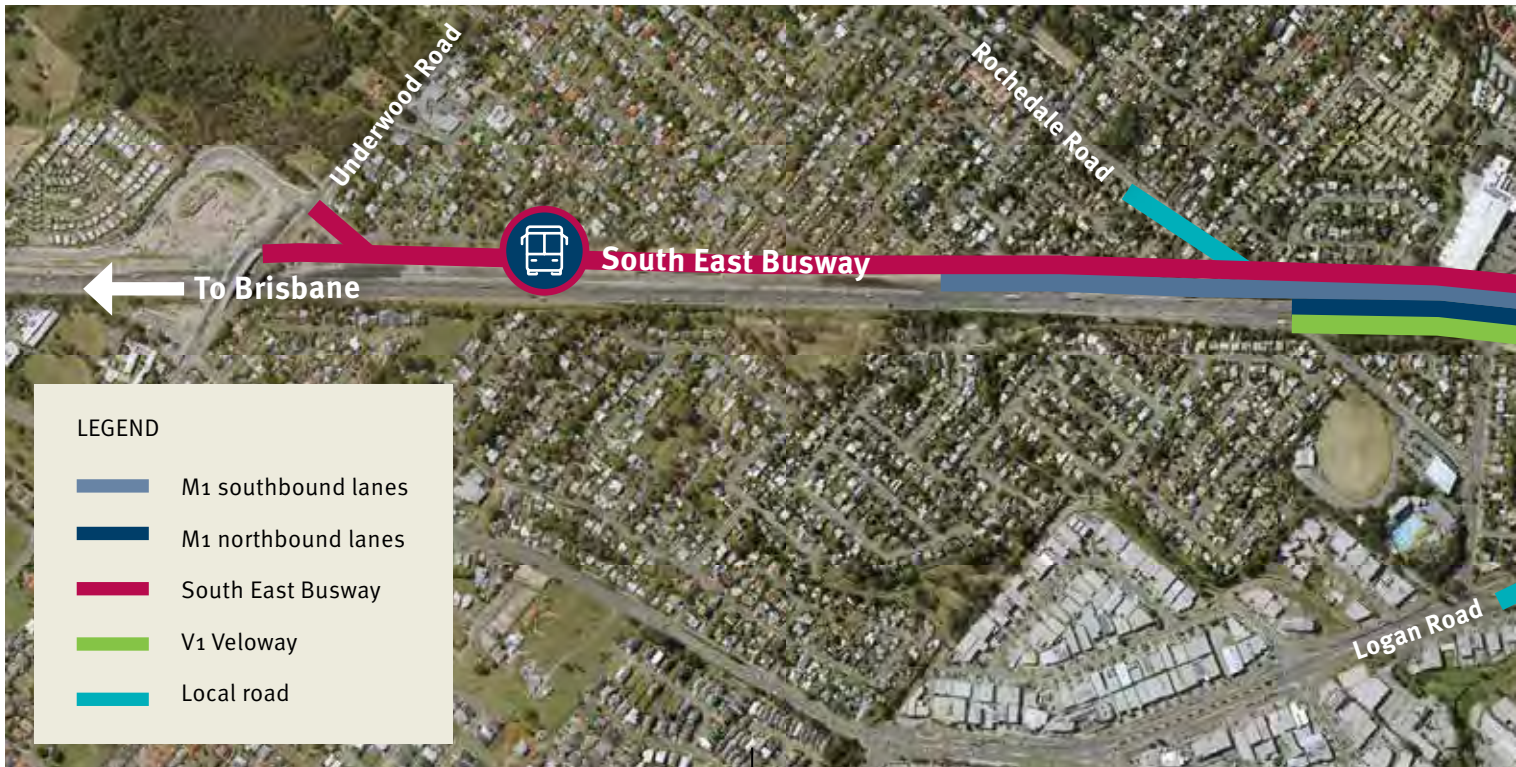
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Key highlights – Watland Street to Sports Drive



Extending the South East Busway

The South East Busway will be extended from south of Underwood Road in Rochedale South to the Springwood bus station, including an underpass at Rochedale Road (Exit 19) and refurbished overpasses at Logan and Springwood Roads. The Fitzgerald Avenue off-ramp (Exit 20) will be repurposed for sole use by buses, providing Logan residents greater travel time reliability.



Road Traffic Noise

In areas where road traffic noise levels are predicted to exceed acceptable levels, a series of options have been developed for noise mitigation. Concrete noise barriers along the M1 will be the predominant noise mitigation measure used to attenuate noise for residents.



Widening the Motorway

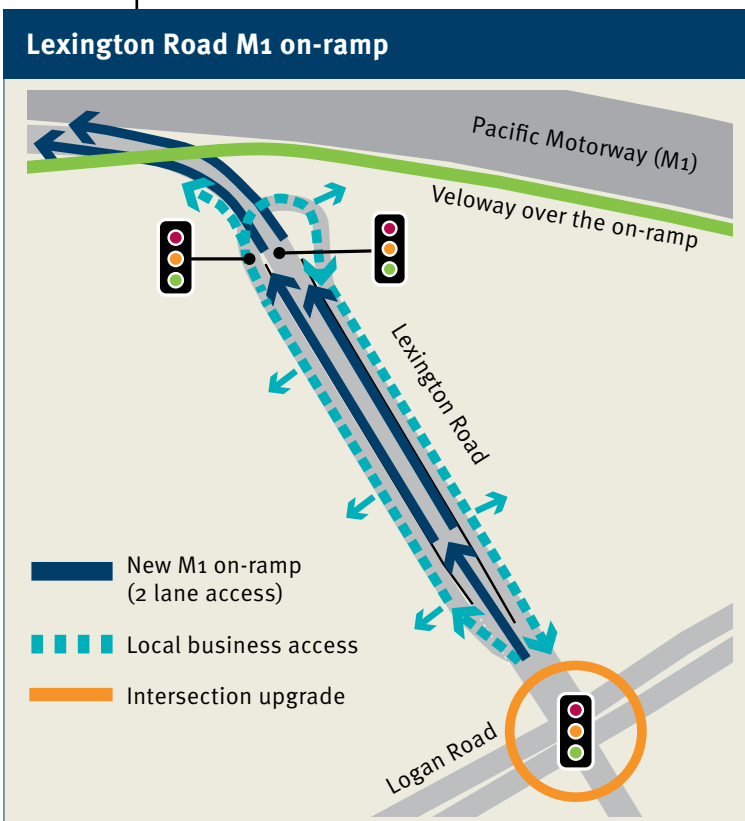
To increase capacity on the M1, 2.5 kilometres of the northbound motorway between Watland Street to Sports Drive and 2.4 kilometres of the southbound motorway between the Rochedale Road off-ramp and Logan Road will be widened to four lanes.



Extending the V1 Veloway

The V1 Veloway, a dedicated cycleway for bike riders, will be extended from Sports Drive to Watland Street with local access at Sports Drive, Springwood Road and Moss Street. The V1 will pass over Lexington and Logan Roads and under the northbound M1 exit ramp at Logan Road.

The cycleway helps encourage more people to move towards healthier, more efficient and sustainable active travel options contributing to lower traffic volumes and congestion.



New M1 on-ramp at Lexington Road

A new M1 on-ramp will be constructed at Lexington Road, Underwood to replace the existing on-ramp at Sports Drive. The new on-ramp will be approximately 780 metres long and feature ramp metering to provide motorists with more time to get up to speed before merging with traffic on the M1.

Access to Lexington Road local businesses will be provided via a local access lane, to separate local traffic from motorists accessing the M1 on-ramp.

A major upgrade of the intersection at Lexington/ Logan/Compton Road will be constructed to facilitate access to local businesses and the M1.

The Sports Drive M1 on-ramp will be closed in late 2022 after the new M1 on-ramp is opened to traffic.



Construction begins

What to expect

Construction will begin on the Watland Street to Sports Drive project in late 2020.

During construction reduced speeds, reduced lane widths, short term detours and some delays can be expected by motorists travelling on the M1 and surrounding local roads.

Several bus routes running through and adjacent to the project site will need to be adjusted as construction work progresses.

Some construction noise can also be expected. The project team will endeavour to keep noisy activities within reasonable hours however, night-time construction on the M1 and urban arterial roads will be required when traffic volumes are at their lowest.

The project team will inform the community ahead of disruptive works to ensure that people can make informed decisions about expected impacts, take alternative travel routes, and make allowances for extended journey times.

Every effort will be made to minimise impacts on residents and motorists travelling on the M1 and local roads throughout construction.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads appreciates your patience during the construction of this important infrastructure upgrade.

Contact us

Residents and motorists can keep up to date with changing road conditions to help make informed decisions about their travel by subscribing to the free SMS traffic alerts and/or email project updates.

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