

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Temporary traffic changes on the way as M1/M3 upgrade continues

Construction on stage one of the Pacific Motorway M1/M3 Gateway Merge is motoring ahead with the project reaching another milestone today.

TMR South Coast Regional Director Paul Noonan said upcoming traffic switches on the M1 would occur under the existing Underwood Road Bridge.

“These changes are crucial and will allow construction of piers for the new Underwood Road Bridge to begin through the centre of the motorway,” Mr Noonan said.

“Southbound traffic lanes will be realigned to the east, pushing traffic onto a new space in the southbound lanes.”

Mr Noonan said concrete noise barrier installation was also due to begin on the eastern side of the motorway.

“The noise barriers are an essential element of the construction, especially for those residents who back onto the Pacific Motorway at this location,” he said.

“We expect the six-metre-high barrier with a total length of 1474 metres to take about nine months to build.”

Mr Noonan said he was pleased with the upgrade’s progress and these next steps were essential to the project.

“This is a big project and the first step in a staged approach for upgrades to the M1 between Loganholme and the Gateway merge,” Mr Noonan said.

“To date, progress on these works has been exceptional.”

Mr Noonan said noise barriers would be progressively installed between Rothon Drive and Rochedale Road.

“We will replace the old existing timber barriers that were demolished to allow for construction,” Mr Noonan said.

“The installation of these barriers will not require any further road closures however, residents may experience increased noise and vibration during construction.

“The team must install 312 metal posts, along with 933 pre-cast concrete panels, so there is a lot of work to be done to complete noise barrier construction by mid 2019,” he said.

“I’d urge motorists to be aware when driving through the site particularly near the Underwood Road Bridge works.

“In this area we’ll be moving traffic to the east will allow the contractor, Lendlease, to create a safe and efficient workspace in the M1 median.

“This will allow piling and general construction of this important piece of infrastructure to continue without jeopardising the safety of workers and motorists.”

Mr Noonan said he thanked motorists for their patience as this major upgrade continued.

“I’m also calling on the community to remain patient as they travel through the area, for both their own safety, and road worker safety.”

For up-to-date traffic information during construction phone 13 19 40 or visit the department’s QLDtraffic website or download the QLD traffic app.

Motorists are also encouraged to keep up to date with progress of the project by subscribing to receive free SMS text messages and/or email traffic alerts.

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