

MEDIA STATEMENT

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REDUCED SPEED LIMIT AS M1 UPGRADE PROGRESSES

The speed limit will be temporarily reduced to 60km/h through the M1 upgrade between Varsity Lakes (Exit 85) and Burleigh (Exit 87) to enable work to progress safely.

Transport and Main Roads South Coast Regional Director Paul Noonan said the \$1 billion Varsity Lakes to Tugun (VL2T) project was one of the biggest road upgrades happening in Queensland.

"There is a lot of work taking place around Burleigh's Exit 87 where the Gold Coast's first Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) is being built," Mr Noonan said.

"This is one of the many benefits of the M1 transformation, supporting Gold Coast jobs at a time they're needed most."

Mr Noonan said the speed reduction was needed until mid 2022 so work could be delivered quickly and safely.

"The 60km/h limit will be introduced at the northern end of the VL2T upgrade where the road is being widened," he said.

"Both directions of traffic will be moved over to the northbound side of the M1 alignment and traffic lanes temporarily narrowed, so the lower speed limit is crucial for the safety of motorists and road workers."

Mr Noonan said safety signs and speed compliance would be in place through the works.

"As this project progresses, additional traffic changes can also be expected," he said.

"We thank motorists for their patience while we deliver this massive M1 transformation."

The VL2T upgrade is jointly funded with the Australian Government funding \$680 million and Queensland Government funding \$320 million.

The project is supporting an average of 850 jobs.

For more information on VL2T, go to www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects.

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