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# Sports Drive to Gateway Motorway

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

The Queensland Government is building a better M1 with Stage 2 of the Pacific Motorway (M1) upgrade program between Eight Mile Plains and Daisy Hill. This upgrade includes eight kilometres of the M1 and will be constructed in four separate packages starting with the Sports Drive to Gateway Motorway project.

### Project features – Sports Drive to Gateway Motorway

This 3.5km upgrade to the Sports Drive to Gateway Motorway will start construction in early 2020. This upgrade will increase capacity on the M1 widening to five northbound traffic lanes.

The Sports Drive to Gateway Motorway upgrade will include:

- Widening northbound lanes of the M1 to five lanes between Sports Drive in the south to just north of the Gateway Motorway off-ramp.
- Extension of the V1 Veloway, including local connections at Underwood Road, Maureen Street and Sports Drive.
- Enhancing the fish passage in Bulimba Creek Tributary Brook, known locally as Big Al's Brook. Improvements will include preserving the surrounding aquatic vegetation, planting of new ground cover rushes and grasses to reduce velocities, and create habitat spaces in sandstone walls.
- Installation of noise barriers for residents on the western side of the M1 Motorway.

### Key milestones – Sports Drive to Gateway Motorway



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# Key highlights –

## Sports Drive to Gateway Motorway



### Widening the Motorway

To increase capacity on the M1, 3.5 kilometres of the northbound motorway will be widened up to five lanes between Sports Drive and the Gateway Motorway. The inclusion of three-metre-wide shoulders on both sides of the carriage way will improve safety.



### Extending the V1 Veloway

The V1 Veloway link will be extended on the western side of the M1. New local connections at Underwood Road, Maureen Street and Sports Drive will be constructed. The V1 will follow the M1 alignment with a smart crossing at the Levington Road on ramp. This smart crossing automatically detects a cyclist and triggers safer road crossing.



### Fish Passage (Big Al's Brook)

TMR is working with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to upgrade the existing fish passage between School Road and Levington Road. Design of the channel will include the placement of rocks and planting of groundcover, rushes and grasses within the channel to reduce channel velocities and create habitat spaces in sandstone walls. The creation of deep pools and an undulating stream bed will provide shelter and food reservoirs for fish habitats to thrive.



### Road Traffic Noise

The Sports Drive to Gateway Motorway upgrade will comply with the Transport Noise Management Code of Practice (the Code).

In areas where road traffic noise levels are predicted to exceed the relevant noise criteria of the Code a series of options have been developed for noise mitigation. Concrete noise barriers will feature heavily.



### Sustainability

The Australian and Queensland Governments are committed to managing the design and construction of the Sports Drive to Gateway Motorway upgrade in a way that considers environmental and social outcomes and supports an ecologically sustainable infrastructure development. The project will submit for a formal sustainability rating and verification by the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia (ISCA) at the completion of the project.





# Construction begins

## What to expect

Construction began on the Sports Drive to Gateway Motorway project in late April 2020.

Every effort is made to minimise impacts on residents and motorists using the M1 between Sports Drive and the Gateway Motorway.

During construction you can expect reduced speeds, reduced lane widths, and some delays to motorists.

Some localised noise can also be expected. The project team will endeavour to keep noisy activities within reasonable hours. However there will be a need to undertake night time construction activities when traffic volumes are lower.

The project team will keep the community informed ahead of disruptive works, with timely and accurate information, to ensure people can make informed decisions around managing expected impacts, alternative travel routes, and extended journey times.

Your patience is appreciated during the construction of this important infrastructure upgrade.

## Keep up-to-date

Residents and motorists are encouraged to subscribe to the free SMS and email traffic alert to remain informed about the Sports Drive to Gateway Motorway section of the Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill upgrade.

Keeping up-to-date with changing road conditions will ensure you can make informed decisions about your travel.

To register for email and free SMS project updates or for further information, visit the project website [www.tmr.qld.gov.au](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au)

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