

Pacific Motorway Upgrade Nerang – Tugun

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Related projects

Substantial planning, design and construction work has already been undertaken on interchange projects that form part of the total motorway upgrade:

Nerang South Interchange (Nielsen's Road)

This interchange is to be further upgraded with traffic lights and new entry and exit ramps, to reduce congestion. Construction is due to begin in late 2006, subject to matching Federal funding.

Mudgeeraba Interchange

A major increase in capacity is needed for this interchange. Consultation and preliminary design work is underway with a preliminary design scheduled by late 2006.

Robina Interchange

Improvements are planned for the Somerset Drive northbound exit ramp.

Varsity Lakes Interchange (Reedy Creek)

The southbound exit ramp will be extended to accommodate growing traffic demand and the impact of the proposed Varsity Lakes Railway Station.

Tugun/Currumbin Interchange (Stewart Road)

Construction of this interchange, which will link the Tugun Bypass with the Pacific Motorway, was completed in 2005. The cost of almost \$17 million was funded by the State Government.

Tugun Bypass

In June of this year construction started on the bypass around the congestion hot-spot of Tugun. This \$543 million project is being funded by the State Government with a Federal contribution of \$120 million.

How can I assist?



Main Roads is committed to consulting about developing the road network and recognises that the whole community has an interest in the Pacific Motorway.

Input from local residents, businesses and the wider community will be essential for developing the best options.

Main Roads will seek further input about specific components to ensure the right balance is reached to meet the needs of all motorway users.

Information and feedback

For further information or inclusion on the mailing list, contact the project team via:

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Funding for Gold Coast roads

Between July 2003 and June 2006 the Queensland Government provided \$350 million to Gold Coast roads; with \$1.16 billion committed over the next four years.

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Main Roads

Planning starts to complete M1 upgrade

Planning Study | Consultation newsletter | July 2006

The Department of Main Roads has started planning and community consultation for upgrading the Pacific Motorway between Nerang and Tugun.

Planning will take up to two years and involve evaluating options for the 22 kilometres of motorway from Nerang South to the Tugun/Currumbin interchange at Stewart Road, Tugun.

Main Roads is seeking input from the whole community of road users, including Gold Coast residents, business, transport and industry groups.

Aims and benefits

This project is developing a comprehensive motorway upgrade plan that will:

- Reduce travel times
- Improve road safety
- Relieve traffic congestion, and
- Get the right traffic using the right roads.

Pacific Motorway Upgrade and funding

This project is part of a broader State Government commitment to upgrade the Pacific Motorway between Brisbane and Tugun. The State Government has already allocated \$392 million for planning, design and pre-construction, as well as some interim improvement projects that will form part of the total motorway upgrade package. Timing of construction of this national highway link depends on the availability of matching Federal funding.

Why should the Federal Government contribute?

The Federal Government paid a share of the previous upgrade. As well, for the Pacific Highway upgrade in New South Wales, the Federal Government is providing funding of \$1.6 billion over 10 years with another \$160 million in the last Federal Budget. The last major federal funding for Gold Coast roads was in 2003: a capped \$120 million towards the Tugun Bypass.

Background

The Pacific Motorway is a vital transport link between Queensland and the Southern States, carrying interstate freight, tourist and commuter traffic.

In 2000, the State Government upgraded the Pacific Motorway north of Nerang from four to six and eight lanes, with the assistance of Federal funding contributions.

In the last decade, vehicles using the motorway south of Nerang have doubled to 88,000 vehicles per day and have already exceeded 2012 predictions.

Safety is also a concern. There have been more than 500 accidents in the past five years between Nerang and Tugun. This is a much higher rate than for comparable roads in South East Queensland.

The aim of this upgrade is to bring the whole motorway up to a consistent standard to meet the growing needs of all classes of vehicles, well into the future.

Work on upgrading the interchanges on this section of motorway has already started:

- Consultation and final designs have been completed for Nerang South (Nielsen's Road).
- Designs are being prepared for improvements to the interchanges at Robina (Somerset Drive) and Varsity Lakes (Reedy Creek).
- Planning is also underway for a major upgrade of the Mudgeeraba Interchange.

About this consultation

As a basis for planning the upgrade from Nerang to Tugun, Main Roads is working to fully understand issues with the existing motorway as experienced by today's road users. It is seeking comment on issues such as motorway access, safety, congestion, travel times and crossings, as well as cyclist and pedestrian facilities, and accommodating future growth. All issues raised by the community will be carefully considered.



Project timeline

Phase 1
Concept development
Mid 2006

- Community and stakeholder consultation to understand specific concerns and issues
- Newsletter No.1
- Traffic, environmental and engineering studies

Phase 2
Concept design
Late 2006

- Develop concept designs
- Newsletter No.2
- Public display of concept designs
- Community and stakeholder feedback on proposed designs

Phase 3
Assessment and selection of preferred concept
Mid 2007

- Develop preferred concept designs
- Assess against technical studies and community feedback
- Newsletter No.3
- Public display of preferred concept designs

Future stages

- Detailed design work
- Staged construction (dependent on funding)

Did you know?

- This project will upgrade 22 kilometres, between Nerang and Tugun on the southern Gold Coast.
- Currently more than 88,000 vehicles use this section of motorway daily.
- South East Queensland is the fastest growing region in Australia, with over 55,000 people moving here every year.
- By 2030, Queensland's population could reach 5.3M. (Currently 3.5M)

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Would you like to be placed on the mailing list to receive future information about the project?
 Yes No

Your views about the Pacific Motorway Upgrade Nerang – Tugun

What do you think Main Roads should consider during the Planning Study in relation to:

Access to the motorway

Specific safety issues

Congestion at specific interchanges

Travel times along the motorway

Crossing the motorway

Cyclist / pedestrian facilities

Do you have additional comments in relation to the Planning Study?
 (please feel free to add an additional page if there is insufficient room)
