



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions 3618-21 and 3652-21 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera on 16 and 17 November 2021 about a dedicated northbound slip lane to Norfolk Village.

The M1 Pacific Motorway between the Gold Coast and Brisbane is Queensland's busiest road. To address current congestion on the M1 and the future transport demands of a growing population in this region, the Australian and Queensland governments have committed \$4.9 billion in funding to a program of M1 upgrades to improve safety, increase capacity and provide a consistent standard of road.

The \$82.137 million Exit 41 (Yatala South Interchange) upgrade project will increase safety and efficiency at the interchange, including for residents of Norfolk Village. It has been funded by the Australian and Queensland governments on a 50:50 federal:state basis and is currently underway, with the schedule of works already confirmed.

I can assure you that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) undertook extensive community consultation in early 2020 for the Exit 41 interchange upgrade, with over 11,000 concept design newsletters distributed to residents and businesses in northern Gold Coast, including at Norfolk Village. At the same time, federal, state and local government elected representatives were sent a copy of the newsletter and invited to provide feedback. In addition, the newsletter was also available to view on TMR's website at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au) by searching 'Pacific Motorway M1 Interchange upgrades'. As a result of feedback provided during community consultation, a slip lane on the southbound off-ramp has been included in the upgrade for traffic heading to the industrial areas north east of the interchange. However, the lack of a northbound slip lane was not raised as an issue during community consultation, nor was it raised by any of the elected representatives at that time.

As previously advised in my response to Petition 3532-21 tabled on 15 July 2021, the low traffic demand at this location did not warrant the construction of a northbound slip lane. Traffic modelling undertaken during the design of the Exit 41 upgrade determined that the predominant morning peak movement from the northbound off-ramp is across the overpass to the eastern side of the motorway, while the predominant afternoon peak movement onto the southern section of Cuthbert Drive is across the overpass from the eastern side of the motorway. In addition, developments to the south of the interchange in the vicinity of Pascoe Road and Peachey Road generally access the motorway further south via Exit 45.

Departmental officers also liaised extensively with their Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) counterparts regarding this matter. Advice received from GCCC on demographics and potential future development highlighted no major development/s attributing to future growth in the immediate area of Norfolk Village. The major growth areas are instead expected to occur east, north east and north west of the interchange

Once the interchange upgrade is completed, motorists exiting the M1 at the northbound off-ramp to travel south towards Norfolk Village will enter Cuthbert Drive via a free left-turn prior to the signalised intersection at Computer Road. This will provide motorists with much safer travel through the interchange.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its sixth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, outlining \$27.5 billion in investment over the next four years and estimated to support an average of 24,000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$4.806 billion is committed across TMR's South Coast Region, which is estimated to support an average of 4030 direct jobs over the life of the program.

Queensland's world-leading pandemic response has made it the place to be and, to support the State's population boom, significant road upgrades are being delivered as part of *Queensland's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan*. With the Brisbane 2032 Olympics and Paralympics on the horizon, these upgrades provide immediate economic benefits, support more jobs and deliver ongoing benefits of vital infrastructure for years to come.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

**MARK BAILEY MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**