M1 Pacific Motorway Upgrades

The M1 Upgrades make up the $391.6 million M1 Productivity Package funded by the Australian and NSW governments to provide a better and more reliable journey on one of Australia’s busiest roads.

Background

The M1 Pacific Motorway is a critical link between Sydney and Brisbane. More than 70,000 light and heavy vehicles travel between the Central Coast and Hunter region and Sydney each day. These numbers are expected to increase in the future.

The M1 Upgrades will improve traffic flow and safety on the M1 Pacific Motorway.

Features

Roads and Maritime Services will carry out upgrades between Kariong and Somersby interchanges, Tuggerah and Doyalson interchanges and at the Weakleys Drive and John Renshaw Drive intersection. Features include:

- widening the road at key congestion points between Kariong and Doyalson
- improving interchanges at Kariong, Warnervale and Doyalson
- replacing the existing roundabout at Weakleys Drive with traffic lights.

Benefits

The M1 Upgrades will benefit commuters, holiday traffic, heavy vehicles and public transport users by:

- improving traffic flow for better and more reliable trips
- making it easier to move freight
- allowing for predicted increases in traffic
- providing safer access to and from the motorway.

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The M1 Upgrades

**Fast Facts**

The M1 Pacific Motorway:

- **127** kilometres long
- was planned in the 1950s completed in 1998
- is used by more than 70,000 motorists including 7,000 freight vehicles daily

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**Weakleys Drive and John Renshaw Drive intersection**

This is the critical connection between the M1 Pacific Highway, New England Highway and local businesses. The existing two lane roundabout is used by about 4000 vehicles per hour in peak periods.

We will replace the roundabout with traffic lights and improve surrounding lanes to ease freight and traffic congestion at the intersection.

Construction will start in 2018.

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**Tuggerah to Doyalson**

This 12 kilometre section of motorway between Wyong Road, Tuggerah and the Doyalson Link Road sees the highest volume of traffic of the remaining four lane sections between Sydney and Beresfield.

We will widen this section and rebuild the nine kilometre section between Wyong River and the Doyalson interchange for more reliable travel times and improved road safety.

The project is expected to be completed in 2020.

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**Kariong to Somersby**

This eight kilometre section of motorway between the Kariong and Somersby interchanges is used by motorists and long haul freight.

We will widen most of this section and upgrade three of the four ramps at the Kariong Interchange to improve traffic flow and safety.

The project is expected to be completed in 2020.
M1 Upgrades – project stages

What will the M1 Upgrades provide for cyclists?

- additional width for a shared pedestrian and cyclist path on the Sparks Road bridge over the motorway
- cyclist provision on shoulders in both directions on the Kariong to Somersby and Tuggerah to Doyalson sections of the motorway
- cyclist lanes and signals at the Weakleys Drive and John Renshaw Drive intersection.

Further information will be provided to the community about cyclist access before construction starts.

Involving the community and stakeholders

We are working with the community and stakeholders to identify issues and minimise potential impacts of the proposed upgrades and construction activities.

Further information

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