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Dear Mr Murdoch

Gateway Motorway South Planning Study Transport Reference Group – invitation to view the preferred plan

As you are aware, the Australian and Queensland governments are planning for a better road network with the upgrade of 4.5km of the Gateway Motorway between and including the interchanges with Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road and the Pacific Motorway. The Gateway Motorway South is a key transport route in the region and is being upgraded to improve road safety, ease congestion and cater for increased travel demand as South-East Queensland's population continues to grow.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads would like to thank you for your involvement and valuable contribution to this planning study to date.

Since we last met in October 2008, public comment was sought on the draft planning options for this section of the motorway. Following a review of public feedback and further technical investigations, the preferred plan has now been developed. At the upcoming Transport Reference Group meeting, the project team will report back on public feedback, outline key features of the preferred plan and provide an update on project timings.

We would like to invite you or your representative to attend the next Transport Reference Group for the Gateway Motorway South Planning Study. The meeting will be held from **1.00pm to 2.30pm** on **Thursday 16 July 2009** at Seasalt at Armstrongs, Incholm Hotel, 73 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill (**see attached venue map**). Light refreshments will be provided.

The preferred plan provides the best possible outcome for users of the motorway and people living and working along the corridor. The preferred plan will be released to the public the week commencing Monday 6 July 2009 via a project newsletter and the project website.

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It will also be on public display from Tuesday 14 July to Monday 3 August 2009. A copy of the July 2009 project newsletter, which outlines the preferred plan, has been enclosed.

Please RSVP before **Friday 10 July 2009** by contacting a Community Liaison Officer on 1800 025 716 or emailing gatewayssouth@mainroads.qld.gov.au. Notes from the meeting will be distributed to all members, including those who are unable to attend.

Your involvement is important and the Department of Transport and Main Roads would like to thank you for your contribution to the planning process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Noel Dwyer', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Noel Dwyer
Project Director (Gateway Motorway Corridor)
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Preferred plan for upgrade released

The Australian and Queensland governments have released the preferred option, as part of the planning study, to upgrade 4.5km of the Gateway Motorway between and including the interchanges with Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road and the Pacific Motorway (see inside for more information).

The preferred plan was developed following community feedback on the draft planning options in late 2008 and further technical investigations carried out by the project team.

The preferred plan will be on display from **Tuesday 14 July to Monday 3 August** (see back page for more details) and is also available at www.transportandmainroads.qld.gov.au (search Gateway Motorway South Planning Study).



Miles Platting Road, Eight Mile Plains

Why upgrade?

The Gateway Motorway is a key transport route in the region and needs to be upgraded to meet the increase in travel demand of South East Queensland's growing population. The Department of Transport and Main Roads is planning for improvements to the road network between and including the interchanges with Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road and the Pacific Motorway to meet the challenges of this growth. It is expected that travel demands on this section of the motorway are likely to double by 2026.

How your feedback helped determine the preferred plan

In October 2008, the project team presented the draft planning options for the upgrade of this section of the motorway to the community for feedback. The project team received a significant amount of feedback, and meetings were held with key stakeholders including local residents and businesses, Brisbane City Council and TransLink as well as pedestrian, cycle and transport interest groups.

The project team would like to thank residents and businesses along the motorway corridor for their involvement and valuable contribution to this planning study.

This feedback has helped to finalise the preferred plan for the upgrade of this section of the motorway (see inside for more information).

More information

To find out more about the planning study and preferred plan you can:

- › www.transportandmainroads.qld.gov.au
- › 1800 025 716
- › gatewaysouth@mainroads.qld.gov.au
- › 07 3137 8363
- › Gateway Motorway South Planning Study
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See inside for more information about

- › preferred plan
- › community feedback
- › noise assessment outcomes
- › public displays

The preferred plan

Legend

-  Entry ramps
-  Exit ramps
-  Bikeway
-  Ramp bypass lanes
-  Bus lanes
-  Pacific Motorway Upgrade Project planning
-  Future roadworks (by others)
-  Proposed footpath
-  Proposed traffic signals
-  Fauna crossing



To view the plans in more detail visit a public display or www.transportandmainroads.qld.gov.au.

The preferred plan – why was it chosen?

The preferred plan was chosen based on community and stakeholder feedback and further technical investigations. This plan provides the best possible outcome for users of the motorway and people living and working along the corridor.



Noise impact assessment

As part of the planning study and in response to community feedback received regarding installation of noise barriers along this section of the motorway, the project team carried out a road traffic noise assessment in 2008.

The assessment examined the existing acoustic environment, determined if project-related noise impacts will occur and whether noise reducing treatments along the motorway would be warranted, feasible and reasonable.

The assessment outlined the following:

1. Where noise barriers already exist along the Gateway Motorway corridor, they will be reinstated.
2. A new noise barrier for a length of around 650m will be provided adjacent to the Boorabbin Picnic Ground recreational area.
3. Provision of additional noise barriers along this section of the motorway will not occur when upgrading commences as no additional locations were identified as warranting treatment.
4. Where noise levels exceed the Department of Transport and Main Roads criteria, consideration will be given on a case by case situation to the installation of other noise reducing treatments.
5. The motorway will be upgraded using a low noise asphalt.

These outcomes are in accordance with the Department of Transport and Main Roads specific noise criteria levels outlined in the *Road Traffic Noise Management: Code of Practice* for managing road traffic noise across the State controlled road network. A copy of the code of practice is available at www.transportandmainroads.qld.gov.au.

Project phases

Gather information

- Information gathering and issues identification September to December 2007

COMPLETED



Determine draft upgrade planning options

- Consultation on draft planning options October to November 2008

COMPLETED



Release preferred plan

- Display preferred plan from Tuesday 14 July to Monday 3 August 2009

NOW

Evaluation phase

- Develop business case to determine funding arrangements, priorities for the upgrade works and stages of construction.

NEXT

Upgrade works

- Upgrade works to this section of the motorway to occur Between 2012 and 2018* (as identified in the 2008-2026 South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program)

*dependant on funding.

Visit a public display

You can view the preferred plan for the upgrade of this section of the motorway from **Tuesday 14 July to Monday 3 August 2009** at one of the following locations:

Staffed displays

Venue	Dates	Times
Garden City Library Garden City Shopping Centre, Cnr Logan and Kessels Roads, Upper Mt Gravatt	Thursday 16 July 2009	4pm – 6pm
	Saturday 18 July 2009	10am – 12noon
Underwood Marketplace Cnr Beenleigh and Logan Roads, Underwood	Thursday 23 July 2009	4pm – 6pm
	Saturday 25 July 2009	10am – 12noon
Holmead Park Holmead Road, Eight Mile Plains	Saturday 1 August 2009	10am – 12noon

Unstaffed displays

Garden City Library, Garden City Shopping Centre, Cnr Logan and Kessels Roads, Upper Mt Gravatt
Underwood Marketplace, Cnr Beenleigh and Logan Roads, Underwood
Mt Gravatt Plaza (outside Suncorp), Cnr Creek and Logan Roads, Mt Gravatt

(Information about the preferred plan is also available from the following electorate offices: Bonner Electorate Office, Wynnum; Mansfield Electorate Office, Upper Mt Gravatt; Moreton Electorate Office, Sunnybank; Rankin Electorate Office, Woodridge; Stretton Electorate Office, Sunnybank Hills).