




Speech By
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M1 Upgrade

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (10.00 am): The Palaszczuk Labor government is building a better M1. The amount of \$2.3 billion in joint funding is locked in for four major upgrades. The 150,000 people who travel between Brisbane and the Gold Coast every day are seeing daily progress on those upgrades. At the Gateway merge, they can see the new bridge built over the highway at Underwood Road and new southbound lanes now in service. At the Mudgeeraba to Varsity Lakes upgrade, work is almost done on the new Stapley Drive bridge. We are making good progress upgrading exit 57 at the Oxenford interchange, and there is much more to come.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr BAILEY: There is much more to come, unlike those opposite who did nothing when in government.

Mr SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr BAILEY: Earlier this month, motorists were given a first glimpse of plans for the \$749 million upgrade from Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill. That project will start as soon as we finish the Gateway merge project next year. That project will be nearly four times the size of the current Gateway merge project. This much larger upgrade will add more lanes and capacity on the M1 through Springwood. It will deliver more public transport and bike-riding benefits as well. The busway will be extended to Springwood, expanding public transport options for people in the Logan area. A bikeway will also be built to Paradise Road, connecting with other bike paths in the Springwood and Slacks Creek area that will be constructed later this year.

Gold Coast residents will soon receive an update on the \$1 billion M1 upgrade between Varsity Lakes and Tugun that will start next year. Again, that project will be five times the size of the current M1 upgrade from Mudgeeraba to Varsity Lakes. That project will widen 10 kilometres of the M1, giving a minimum of three lanes in each direction. Interchanges between exit 85 and exit 95 will be given significant upgrades and bridges will be widened over Tallebudgera Creek and Currumbin Creek. The Palaszczuk government has also committed its full share of funding to upgrade exit 41 and exit 49 interchanges—

Mr Crandon: When, Minister? When? What year?

Mr BAILEY: Those who interject should get on to the federal government for our fair share.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Minister, please resume your seat. Member for Coomera, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mr BAILEY: The Palaszczuk government has also committed its full share of funding to upgrade exit 41 and exit 49 interchanges, and we are planning upgrades at exits 38 and 45 too. These projects will make sure that people spend less time in traffic and that they get home sooner. The next two M1

upgrades to start next year will create more than 1,000 jobs, adding to 216,000-plus created under the Palaszczuk government since 2015. History will show that it was the Palaszczuk government that backed Brisbane and the Gold Coast with a multibillion dollar investment to build a better M1, after not one single new dollar was invested in it by those opposite under the Newman government.