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M1 Action Plan

**Putting
Queenslanders First**

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Message from the Premier

Keeping our state moving is good for the economy.

That's why the Palaszczuk Government is spending \$4.32 billion in transport funding this year, and has committed more than \$21 billion over the next four years.

The Pacific Motorway (the M1) is the busiest road in Queensland. It is a vital link between Brisbane and the Gold Coast, and a critical freight route. It connects Queenslanders to major economic hubs right along the east coast of Australia.

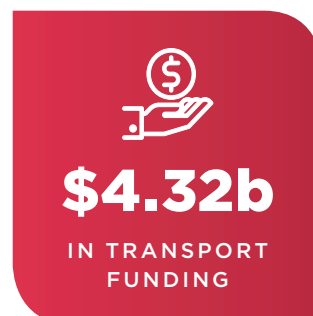
My government is strongly committed to improving the M1. We have already delivered the \$74.4 million upgrade of the Exit 54 Coomera interchange.

We have also reached agreement with the Federal Government to jointly-fund two significant upgrades on the M1: the duplication of southbound lanes at the M1-M3 merge at Eight Mile Plains, and six-laning the M1 between Mudgeeraba and Varsity Lakes, but we know there is more to be done.

While my government secured \$424.7 million in new funding to reduce congestion and improve safety on the M1, the Newman-Nicholls Government took the Gold Coast for granted. When Tim Nicholls was Treasurer, not one single dollar in new money was spent on upgrading the M1.

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will continue to invest in the M1. My government will undertake a major upgrade between Varsity Lakes and Tugun. We will improve problem interchanges. We will plan for future upgrades. We will work in partnership with local governments and local residents as we improve safety and decrease travel times.

Only Labor has a proven commitment to ongoing improvements



**Annastacia
Palaszczuk**
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

Our Commitment

The Palaszczuk Government will continue to progressively upgrade the M1 with a rolling program of works. We will increase capacity, improve safety and reliability, and shorten commutes.

M1 – Varsity Lakes to Tugun

Labor will commit a further \$206 million to help fund the upgrade of the southern M1 between Varsity Lakes and Tugun.

Traffic volumes on this 10 kilometre section are already placing significant pressure on its four lanes, necessitating widening to three lanes in both directions. Six-laning the M1 through to the border just makes good sense. It will result in improved productivity, more efficient tradie commutes, quicker school drop-offs, and weekend beach trips that aren't spent in traffic jams.

The M1 forms part of the National Land Transport Network. Funding for upgrades is traditionally split on an 80/20 basis between the Federal and State Governments. My government will always fight for Queensland's fair share of federal funding.

With the Commonwealth's assistance, this project can start straight after the 2020 completion of the Mudgeeraba to Varsity Lakes upgrade.

Oxenford (Exit 57) Interchange

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will upgrade the Oxenford (Exit 57) interchange on the Pacific Motorway. The \$25 million upgrade will relieve pressure on the interchange, improving safety and flow of traffic beyond Exit 57 of the M1.



Eight Mile Plains to Logan Motorway Planning

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will invest \$16 million to develop a business case for future upgrades of the M1 corridor between Eight Mile Plains and the Logan Motorway.

M1-M3, Pacific Motorway – Gateway Motorway Upgrade (Southbound) and Mudgeeraba to Varsity Lakes

We are delivering significant capacity upgrades to the M1. At the M1's northern end, we will deliver an additional two-lanes from Eight Mile Plains to Exit 19 at Rochedale, improving traffic flow and making commutes more reliable.

To the south, we will widen the motorway between Mudgeeraba and Varsity Lakes to three lanes in each direction and four lanes northbound between Exit 82 and Exit 79.

Early works have begun on these projects. Major works will begin after the Commonwealth Games in 2018.



\$206m

VARSITY LAKES
TO TUGUN

The Newman-Nicholls Legacy

The Newman-Nicholls Government slashed more than \$600 million from roads and transport funding and stalled infrastructure across the state. Over the LNP's three year term, Tim Nicholls refused to develop a comprehensive state infrastructure plan.

Without a clearly defined program of major infrastructure works, our building and construction sector was left to languish.

After three years, the only new major infrastructure project Tim Nicholls and the LNP managed to get off the ground was a tower for themselves in Brisbane.

This inaction meant important roads and transport infrastructure projects were either deferred, delayed or cancelled entirely. Because of the Newman-Nicholls government's failure, pressure continued to build on critical infrastructure and Queenslanders were left sitting in traffic for longer.

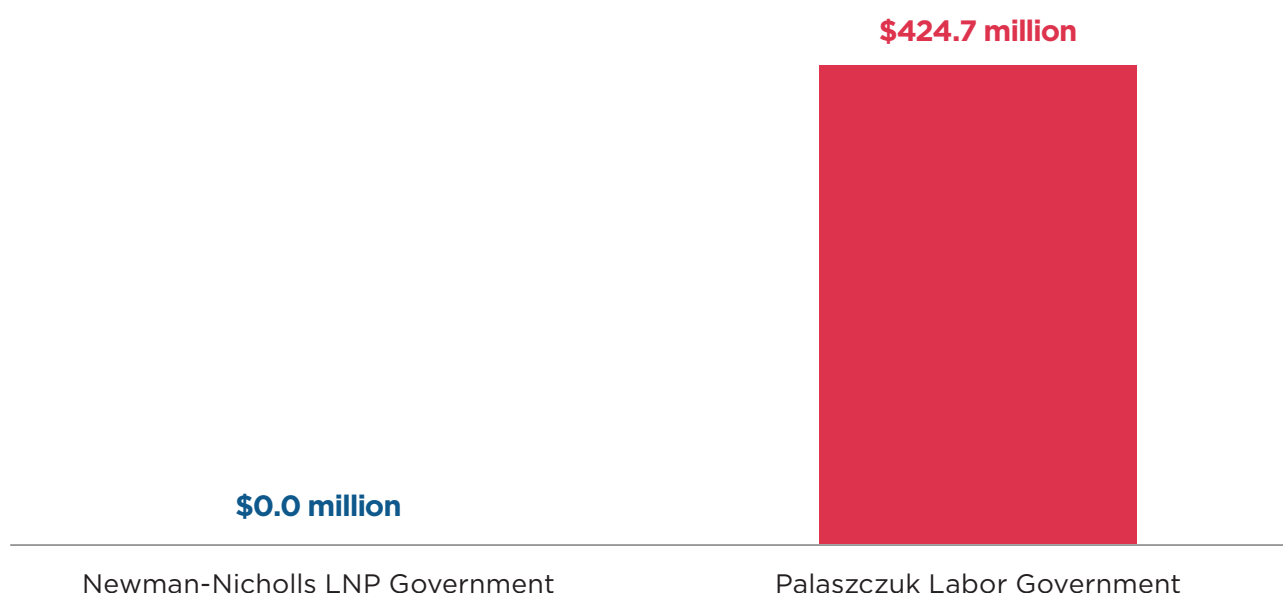
Commuters who use the Pacific Motorway to get to work, families heading to the beach on the weekend and small businesses requiring reliable freight deliveries paid the price for the Newman-Nicholls government's inaction. In three years of government, they did not spend a single extra dollar on the M1.

When Tim Nicholls was Treasurer, the LNP Government signed up to a new 5-year National Partnership Agreement with the Federal Government that did not include one single dollar in new funding for the M1.

After three years of infrastructure inaction by Tim Nicholls, critical upgrades to the M1 were delayed and are now not able to be delivered before the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

Tim Nicholls' cut, sack and sell approach had a massive impact on Queensland's road and transport sector – an impact that the Palaszczuk Government is still working to repair.

Value of New Capital Funding Agreements reached with Commonwealth Government





The Palaszczuk Government's Record

The Palaszczuk Government has a proud record when it comes to improving the Gold Coast and Logan traffic network.

The \$74 million upgrade to Exit 54 at Coomera is now complete, easing traffic congestion and improving safety. This upgrade has shortened commutes to eight schools near the interchange, and provided relief to motorway commuters or those making their way to the Coomera Rail Station.

In contrast to the former government, the Palaszczuk Government successfully negotiated for Queensland's fair share of M1 funding from the Federal Government.

Our agreement allows us to six-lane the M1 between Mudgeeraba and Varsity Lakes, undertake a major upgrade of the M1/Gateway Motorway merge, and undertake planning for the next big M1 upgrade between Varsity Lakes and Tugun.

We have almost completed a \$160.7 million local road upgrade package to prepare for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. It includes:

- Six-laning the Southport-Burleigh Road, from Southport to Broadbeach Waters, including major intersection upgrades
- Traffic signals for the intersection of Labrador-Carrara Road at Ross Street and Ashmore Road
- Extending the six lanes of Olsen Avenue to the Southport-Nerang Road, with intersection upgrades
- Boosting traffic capacity along Nerang-Broadbeach Road at the Gooding Drive roundabout
- Improving the intersection of Smith Street Motorway and Kumbari Avenue.

The Palaszczuk Government has delivered the \$163 million Coomera to Helensvale rail duplication. It will significantly improve train capacity and reliability on the Gold Coast rail line ahead of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. The duplication will not only support the Gold Coast region to host the largest sporting event in Australia this decade, but will also cater for the region's growing number of residents and visitors into the future.



Alongside the Coomera to Helensvale track duplication, the Palaszczuk Government is investing a further \$10 million to refurbish six Gold Coast stations (Ormeau, Coomera, Helensvale, Nerang, Robina and Varsity Lakes). This project will provide a comfortable, modern environment for locals and visitors into the future.

Following the massive success of Labor's Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 1, the Palaszczuk Government has delivered the \$420 million Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2. With the opening of Stage 2, passengers will not only have a seamless, one-transfer journey between the state's two largest cities, they will also have the option of stopping at any of the 19 light rail stations with bus connections at key destinations along the corridor between Helensvale and Broadbeach.



\$160.7m

LOCAL ROAD
UPGRADES



\$163m

RAIL
DUPLICATION



\$420m

LIGHT RAIL
STAGE 2



Our Plans: Putting Queenslanders First

The M1 is our busiest road, a vital link for commuter, commercial, freight, and tourism traffic, which regularly experiences congestion extending beyond the morning and afternoon peaks.

As well as forming part of the National Land Transport Network, it is also one of the nationally-accredited Key Freight Routes linking key economic centres across South East Queensland, including Brisbane, Logan, and the Gold Coast – and beyond.

M1 – Varsity Lakes to Tugun

A Palaszczuk Government will provide \$206 million for the six-laning of the Pacific Motorway between Varsity Lakes and Tugun - subject to the finalisation of the business case – the next highest priority upgrade on the southern end of motorway, including:

- Provision of additional lanes in both northbound and southbound directions between Mudgeeraba and Tugun
- Provision of auxiliary lanes between on-ramps and off-ramps
- Increasing the capacity of interchanges to reduce queuing at off-ramps
- Upgrading the intersections at key interchanges to improve travel times
- Implementation of Managed Motorways to improve motorway operations and incident management to reduce recovery time and risk of secondary incidents.



The Palaszczuk Government has invested \$5 million to progress planning and business case development for this project and will work to secure funding from the Federal Government so that this project can begin construction immediately after the completion of the Mudgeeraba to Varsity Lakes upgrade in 2020.

The indicative cost for this project is \$1.03 billion.

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Traffic counts at this interchange show more than 18,000 vehicles per day travel west across the interchange and almost 21,000 vehicles travel eastbound. These volumes are significantly higher than the initial 1997 design capacity for the interchange.

This upgrade will be extremely beneficial in achieving travel time savings for residents of the Northern Gold Coast. To get this important project moving immediately, a re-elected Palaszczuk Government will fully fund this project.



Eight Mile Plains to Logan Motorway Planning

The Palaszczuk Government understands the importance of a multi-faceted approach to busting congestion on the M1. The South East Busway has been a key driver in increasing public transport use since it was opened by a Labor Government in 2001. We want to expand access to public transport services and allow more South East Queensland commuters to travel smoothly by bus into the CBD. We also know that it will be important to build upon the success of the upgrade of the M1 and M3 merge.

That's why Labor will invest \$16 million to develop a business case for future upgrades of the M1 corridor between Eight Mile Plains and the Logan Motorway. This business case will address:

- Upgrading the northbound lanes between Eight Mile Plains and Rochedale
- Upgrading the remaining section from Rochedale to the Logan Motorway
- Extending the South East Busway beyond Eight Mile Plains.



M1-M3 Pacific Motorway – Gateway Motorway upgrade (southbound)

At an estimated cost of \$170 million, jointly funded with the Federal Government, the upgrade of the M1, where it joins the Gateway Motorway at Eight Mile Plains, will deliver relief for commuters with improved traffic times and journey reliability.

A construction contract for the project was awarded in October 2017, with early works starting prior to the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

The upgrade includes the construction of up to five southbound lanes on the Pacific Motorway between Eight Mile Plains and Rochedale South, as well as a new four-lane overpass over the motorway on a realigned Underwood Road, providing improved east-west connectivity.




\$206m
 VARSITY TO
 TUGUN


\$25m
 EXIT 57


\$16m
 PLANNING

Works will also include the relocation of the existing bus entry from the Eight Mile Plains Bus Station onto the M1, as well as managed motorway technologies from Klumpp Road to Rochedale Road.

Apart from the traffic benefits, this upgrade will deliver for commuters, it will also support more than 130 jobs during the construction period.

M1 Upgrade – Mudgeeraba to Varsity Lakes

This \$180 million project is jointly-funded with the Federal Government and will deliver improvements to nearly six kilometres of the motorway, from Exit 79 at Mudgeeraba through to Exit 85 at Varsity Lakes.

Early works are already underway to relocate public utility services and install CCTV cameras at the Mudgeeraba, Robina and Varsity Lakes interchanges.

Features of the main motorway upgrade include:

- Three lanes in both directions from Robina (Exit 82) to Varsity Lakes (Exit 85)
- Four lanes northbound between Robina (Exit 82) and Mudgeeraba (Exit 79)
- Upgrades to the on and off-ramps at the Robina interchange (Exit 82)
- Enhancements to the Varsity Lakes interchange (Exit 85) including a new combined exit-ramp to Reedy Creek Road and Stapley Drive, and a new bridge to provide additional lanes on Stapley Drive
- Changing the alignment of the off-ramp at The Link Way (Exit 80)
- Reconstructing the Mudgeeraba Creek overflow bridges on the northbound side
- Making provisions for a future managed motorway system.



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