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TRANSURBAN QUEENSLAND'S \$512M LOGAN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT APPROVED

Transurban announces that the Queensland Government has approved its \$512 million Logan Enhancement Project. The project is the first private sector proposal to be assessed and approved under the Queensland Government's Market-Led Proposal process.

The Queensland Government's media release is attached.

The project will see the delivery of major upgrades to parts of the Logan and Gateway Extension motorways, including the elimination of key congestion points and the addition of new south-facing ramps at Compton Road (refer to the attached map for scope details).

Transurban CEO Scott Charlton said the original concept design had been expanded to include increased scope and enhancements that were driven by community and stakeholder feedback.

"This design will address current constraints on the Logan and Gateway Extension motorways while also accommodating growth in the area – particularly from the fast growing freight and logistics industry south of Brisbane," Mr Charlton said.

Transurban estimates the project will generate 1,300 direct construction jobs, and more than \$1.3 billion in economic benefits.

Transurban Queensland will fund the upgrades through toll increases for heavy vehicles (Class 4) on the Logan and Gateway motorways, specifically:

- at construction completion, the Class 4 toll will move to 3 times the Class 2 toll (up from 2.65 times) with an additional 2.5 per cent price increase to the multiplier
- after construction completion, the Class 4 toll multiplier will escalate by 2.5 per cent annually for five consecutive periods
- base tolls will continue to escalate in line with CPI as per the concession agreement
- the new south-facing ramps at Compton Road will be tolled at the same rate as the current Kuraby toll point

Mr Charlton noted that as part of the project, Transurban Queensland will donate up-to \$2 million to develop a community complex adjacent to the Logan motorway at Heathwood.

"This initiative forms part of Transurban Queensland's commitment to giving back to the communities in which we operate," Mr Charlton said.

CPB Contractors has been awarded the contract to take the project into detailed design and construction.

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The majority of the works will be completed off the mainline carriageway and impacts to traffic during the delivery period will be managed by Transurban to minimise disruption.

Transurban Queensland expects to reach financial close on the project in mid-December 2016. Construction completion is currently scheduled for mid-2019.



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Logan Enhancement Project final concept design

Key project features:

- 1**
 - Replacing the uncontrolled right-hand turn from Beaudesert Road southbound to the Logan Motorway westbound with a free-flowing underpass
 - Removing the existing Mt Lindsay Highway northbound to Logan Motorway eastbound cloverleaf ramp and replacing it with a free-flowing connecting ramp
 - Installing a set of traffic signals to safely control merging traffic between Beaudesert Road southbound and the Logan Motorway westbound service road
 - Extending the third lane along Mt Lindsay Highway southbound down to the Browns Plains Road off-ramp
- 2**
 - Providing a new shared pedestrian and cycle path along Beaudesert Road/ Mt Lindsay Highway between Illaweena Street and Acacia Street
- 3**
 - Providing high-speed service roads to connect the Mt Lindsay Highway and Gateway Extension Motorway interchanges
 - Widening and upgrading the Logan Motorway between the Gateway Extension Motorway and Mt Lindsay Highway interchanges, to provide three lanes in the eastbound direction and four lanes in the westbound direction
- 4**
 - Widening the Gateway Extension Motorway from four lanes to six lanes between Compton Road and the Logan Motorway
- 5**
 - Providing new south-facing ramps at Compton Road to match the existing north-facing ramps to improve connectivity
- 6**
 - Resurfacing sections of the Gateway Extension Motorway between Compton Road and the Pacific Motorway
 - Providing a centre median concrete barrier to improve safety
- 7**
 - Upgrading Wembley Road between Pagewood Street and Greenfern Drive to provide two lanes in each direction, including replacing the existing bridge over the Logan Motorway
 - Relocating the Logan Motorway eastbound and westbound on and off-ramps
 - Replacing the Wembley Road/Illaweena Street roundabout with a signalised intersection
- 8**
 - Widening and upgrading the Logan Motorway between the Gateway Extension Motorway and Wembley Road (to provide four lanes in each direction)





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\$512M Market-Led Proposal gets green light from government

Queensland's first Market-Led Proposal — the \$512 million Logan Motorway Enhancement Project put forward by Transurban Queensland — has been given the green light.

Treasurer Curtis Pitt said the project would significantly upgrade the Logan and Gateway Extension motorways, improve road safety and travel times, as well as create jobs and stimulate the economy.

"This is a win for the local community, Queensland road users, and especially the trucking industry that has welcomed the project," Mr Pitt said.

"The Logan Motorway Enhancement Project will support around 1,300 jobs over its two-and-a-half year construction period, as well as deliver increased productivity and efficiency in South East Queensland's road freight transport industry.

"Its economic benefits are estimated to be around \$1 billion over 30 years.

"The project has been examined through the staged assessment process of the state government's Market-Led Proposals initiative that offers private sector proponents the chance to get their ideas for new projects or services off the ground faster."

Mr Pitt said the Logan Motorway project was one of four market-led proposals (MLPs) worth more than \$700 million in total that have progressed to stage 2 of the MLP process and the first to proceed to final binding contract stage. Other MLPs at stage 2 include:

- Port of Brisbane's proposal to establish a new international cruise ship terminal;
- plans for a Queensland Aquarium and Maritime Museum incorporating a new aquarium and redevelopment of the existing Maritime Museum at South Bank; and
- RACQ's proposal to transform the aging Mt Cotton Driver Training Centre into a driving centre of excellence and a world-class innovation hub for government, education and industry groups to research, design and test new vehicle and road safety technologies.

Minister for Main Roads and Road Safety, Mark Bailey, said the final concept design for the motorway upgrades reflected feedback from the community, road users and the trucking industry.

"They all want improved efficiency, travel times, safety, and connectivity that the Logan Motorway Enhancement Project delivers," Mr Bailey said.

"The Logan Motorway Enhancement Project now delivers greater scope and value for motorists as a result of working with stakeholders and locals."

Transurban Queensland Group General Manager, Wesley Ballantine said the company was proud to present the first market-led proposal under the Queensland Government's innovative framework.

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“Our partnership with the Queensland Government throughout the detailed proposal phase has ensured we achieve the best possible outcomes for motorists, industry and the wider community,” he said.

Mr Ballantine said as part of the company’s commitment to giving back to the communities in which it operates Transurban Queensland would build a new community facility at Heathwood.

“To celebrate the project and to create a lasting legacy, Transurban Queensland will donate up to \$2 million to create a community complex next to the Logan Motorway at Heathwood,” he said.

“We will work with stakeholders, including the Member for Algester, to ensure the site meets the community’s needs.”

Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Trucking Association, Gary Mahon, said the project was important for the heavy vehicle industry.

“We believe the funding model for the project is justifiable given the project will remove congestion, improve safety and generate savings to the heavy vehicle industry through fuel efficiency, reduced maintenance and time savings,” he said.

“Access to and from the industrial estates bordering the Motorway will also be improved.”

RACQ Group Chief Communications Officer, Paul Turner, said the project would address safety issues and congestion along the Logan and Gateway Extension motorways.

“RACQ believes the upgrades and increased capacity in the network will improve travel times for motorists, particularly around the Wembley Road and Mount Lindesay Highway interchanges,” Mr Turner said.

“The new interchange designs will also reduce the amount of congestion that motorists currently experience and improve road safety for this busy intersection of motorways.”

For more information about the project visit www.loganenhancementproject.com.au

For more information about MLPs visit www.treasury.qld.gov.au/mlp

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Logan Motorway Enhancement Project

Project overview:

- The project includes upgrading and widening parts of the Logan and Gateway Extension motorways, significant upgrades to the Gateway Extension/Logan Motorway interchange, Wembley Road interchange and Mt Lindesay Highway/Beaudesert Road interchange as well as constructing new south-facing ramps at Compton Road.
- Contract close expected end of 2016.
- Detailed design commences early 2017.
- A two-year construction period expected to start in mid-2017.
- CPB Contractors has been named by Transurban Queensland to undertake the project following a competitive tendering process.

Project features:

Please refer to the attached map or visit www.loganenhancementproject.com.au

Benefits:

Transurban Queensland's modelling indicates that road users will benefit from:

- enhanced safety – up-to 59% reduction in accidents as a result of the project due to less merging/weaving and stop-starting
- travel time savings – the increased capacity in the road network provides shorter journey times and increased speeds in the network – up-to 90% reduction in travel times as a result of the project
- reduced vehicle operating cost savings – less stop-start driving meaning lower fuel consumption and improved fleet productivity
- greater reliability – more consistent journey times meaning motorists do not have to factor in 'buffer time' to their journeys
- enhanced connectivity – new optional south-facing ramps will connect more motorists with the network, and reduce rat-running on Compton and Beaudesert roads
- future proofing – the project will address current congestion and accommodate forecast traffic growth from arising from evolving residential and business corridors.
- Improved fauna crossing points and corridor fencing will also help prevent fauna strikes.

Project funding:

Transurban Queensland will predominantly fund the project through toll increases for **trucks** using the Logan and Gateway motorways. New tolls will take effect when construction is completed in mid-2019 and the benefits start to be realised. Final toll prices for heavy vehicles will be determined when the project is completed (in 2019) and its final cost is known.

There will also be a new toll facility for **motorists** if they choose to use new south-facing ramps at Compton Road to access the Gateway Extension Motorway.

These new ramps are additional access/egress points, offering an improved optional service to motorists. Tolls will only apply once the project is completed and will be in line with current toll prices for vehicles.

Toll-free routes for motorists will continue to be available.

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