MEDIA STATEMENT

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Changes on way for M1 at Mudgeeraba to Varsity Lakes site

M1 commuters can expect changed traffic conditions this week with works starting to widen the motorway between Exit 82 at Robina and Exit 80 Link Way.

Northbound M1 traffic will travel on the southbound carriageway between Exit 82 and Exit 80 as work to create four northbound lanes is carried out.

South Coast Regional Director Paul Noonan said the contraflow traffic arrangement would also allow works to begin on building two bridges over the Mudgeeraba Creek floodplain.

"The Mudgeeraba Creek and Mudgeeraba Creek overflow bridges on the northbound side will be rebuilt to better withstand floods," Mr Noonan said.

"To do this work, changes to traffic will be progressively implemented from Thursday when the northbound lanes will be diverted onto the southbound lanes over coming weeks.

"This realignment will happen gradually as the changes incorporate the northbound on-ramp at the Robina Exit 82 interchange.

"Access at the Exit 82 interchange will be maintained at all times during and once the contraflow has been implemented."

Mr Noonan said further speed reductions would be required through this section.

"While the changed lane configurations are in place, the speed limit will be reduced to 60km/h between the two interchanges," Mr Noonan said.

"This is required for everyone's safety – motorists and road workers – as there will be narrower lane widths and ramped up construction activities.

"Major earthworks will get underway to raise the level of the northbound lanes while demolishing the existing bridges over the floodplain will also begin."

The traffic lane changes and 60km/h speed limit will be in place between Exit 82 and Exit79 for about 18 months, weather and site conditions permitting.

For further information on the upgrade visit www.tmr.gld.gov.au/projects.

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