

September 2020

Pacific Motorway (M1) Varsity Lakes to Tugun upgrade Service relocations – Currumbin Creek under-boring

About the upgrade

As you may be aware, work on the M1 upgrade from Varsity Lakes to Tugun (VL2T) has been accelerated, with construction on Package A (Varsity Lakes to Burleigh) now underway.

Package B (Burleigh to Palm Beach) construction will commence in late 2020.

Construction on Package C (Palm Beach to Tugun) is expected to start in late 2020 / early 2021, and with a significant program of works, all three packages are expected to be completed by late 2023.

Service relocations

Before M1 lane widening works can begin, City of Gold Coast water assets including sewer, recycled water and drinking water are being relocated from the existing M1 Currumbin Creek bridge to underneath the Currumbin Creek riverbed.

This will allow widening works to occur on each side of the Currumbin Creek bridge, to accommodate additional lanes – a total of three lanes in each direction.

This work involves a horizontal directional drilling machine drilling under the creek bed, approx 10-15 metres deep, for approx. 240 metres. Large pipes (up to 630mm in diameter) will then be pulled through the outlets.

All required environmental permits have been obtained for these works.

On the southern side of Currumbin Creek, there are public car parking restrictions to the Currumbin RSL carpark.

On the northern side of the creek, there are also public car parking restrictions at the Salk Oval carpark.

What to expect

Directional drilling commenced on Monday 24 August 2020 and will continue for approximately 2-3 months.

As the pipes are being positioned and installed, there will be occasions where there will be impacts to Sarawak Avenue, and full carpark closures at Salk Oval from Sarawak Avenue, over a 12-hour period. Electronic signage will be in place prior to these impact dates.

See the restricted access area on the graphic overleaf.

Works are planned to occur on **Monday 14 September** and **Tuesday 15 September** between **9am and 9pm**.

Localised impacts include:

- Sarawak Avenue will operate under traffic management, with one west bound lane closed (towards The Pines Shopping Centre), and speed restrictions in place – expect minor delays.
- The Salk Oval carparks from Sarawak Avenue will be closed for vehicles.
- Pedestrian / cycling access to the creek, sports clubs, tramway bridge and sports grounds remain available, with traffic control personal, assisting with detours.
- The bus stop on Sarawak Ave will remain open.



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It is important to note that wet weather, contractor and site conditions may impact this work schedule.

For more information

Contact the VL2T project team for further information about these works.

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