MEDIA STATEMENT

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Weekend closure for M1 Rochedale Road Exit 19

The M1 Exit 19 off-ramp onto Rochedale Road will close for a full weekend this month (September) for works on the \$750 million, M1 Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill upgrade.

Motorists will need to use an alternative exit between 10pm, Friday 23 September and 5am, Monday 26 September.

Transport and Main Roads Acting South Coast Regional Director Andrew Wheeler said a temporary off-ramp would be built at the weekend so South East Busway works could safely and efficiently progress.

"Temporarily realigning the Rochedale Road off-ramp will allow construction crews to work offline when building the South East Busway underpass at Exit 19, minimising future disruption to motorists," Mr Wheeler said.

"Crews will work 24/7 over the closure on asphalting, earthworks, signal works, line-marking and barrier installation.

"During the closure, motorists should use their next available exit at either Fitzgerald Avenue (Exit 20), just 1km south of the Rochedale Road exit, Logan Road (Exit 14) from the M3, or Miles Platting Road (Exit 88) from the Gateway Motorway."

Mr Wheeler thanked motorists for their patience ahead of the closure.

"We have timed these works to coincide with reduced traffic volumes during the September school holidays," he said.

"While the temporary closure may cause some inconvenience, the benefit will be reduced disruption while construction of the permanent off-ramp and busway underpass continues."

The \$750 million, M1 Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill upgrade is jointly funded, with the Australian Government contributing \$510 million and the Queensland Government contributing \$240 million.

For more information, visit <u>www.tmr.qld.gov.au/WatlandStreettoSportsDrive</u>.

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