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CONTRACTOR ANNOUNCED FOR PACIFIC MOTORWAY UPGRADE

Construction on the highly-anticipated \$422 million Pacific Motorway Upgrade from Springwood south to Daisy Hill is imminent, improving traffic flow and safety for the 140,000 motorists who travel the route each day.

Queensland Main Roads Minister Craig Wallace and Federal Member for Rankin Craig Emerson today announced Pacific CBR, a joint venture between Bielby Holdings Pty Ltd, J F Hull Holdings Pty Ltd and Albem Operations Pty Ltd, as the contractor for construction of the upgrade.

“Major construction could begin as soon as October and early works are expected to begin in the next few weeks,” Mr Wallace said.

“This upgrade demonstrates the Federal and State governments’ commitment to working together to meet the transport needs of south-east Queensland.

“This \$422 million upgrade is part of a joint state-federal package for the Pacific Motorway from the Gateway to Tugun, worth a total of \$910 million.

“We will continue to work closely with the Federal Government to enhance the Pacific Motorway’s dual role as an important interstate freight corridor and commuter traffic route.”

Within the 3.3-kilometre section from Springwood south to Daisy Hill, the motorway will be upgraded with heavy-duty asphalt overlay, the Loganlea Road interchange will be replaced, and improvements will be made to the Paradise Road roundabout.

Craig Emerson said the upgrade would improve access, traffic flow and safety on and off the motorway for the 140,000 motorists who travelled the route every day.

“We are determined to deliver this vital road project as quickly as possible,” said Mr Emerson.

“The Pacific Motorway Upgrade is what the Rudd Labor Government’s *Nation Building for Recovery* strategy is all about. It will put up to 1400 Queenslanders to work building the road infrastructure vital to our nation’s long-term economic prosperity.

“All up, the Rudd Labor Government is investing an unprecedented \$8.6 billion over six years to further improve Queensland’s road and rail networks.”

Member for Springwood Barbara Stone said the project would make best use of the road network by encouraging alternative and sustainable modes of transport within the busy road corridor.

“Works include sustainable transport facilities such as a bus station with park ‘n’ ride to make catching a bus to and from Logan City easier and more viable for commuters,” Ms Stone said.

“A section of bikeway will also be constructed between Springwood south and Daisy Hill, which will ultimately link the Gold Coast and Brisbane, to meet the needs of cyclists in the region.

“I’m looking forward to seeing work begin on this upgrade as soon as possible and local residents may see early works within the next few weeks.”.

Mr Wallace said the Government implemented an innovative competitive selection process for the project, resulting in efficient designs and construction schedules.

“I am committed to meeting the transport needs of the Logan community, and am pleased this competitive process will deliver an effective, cost-efficient solution for the project,” he said.

Improvements to the Springwood south to Daisy Hill section are expected to be completed by late 2011, weather permitting.

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