



# The Gateway Upgrade Project

Fact Sheet 1

**The \$1.88 billion Gateway Upgrade Project is the largest bridge and road project in Queensland's history.**

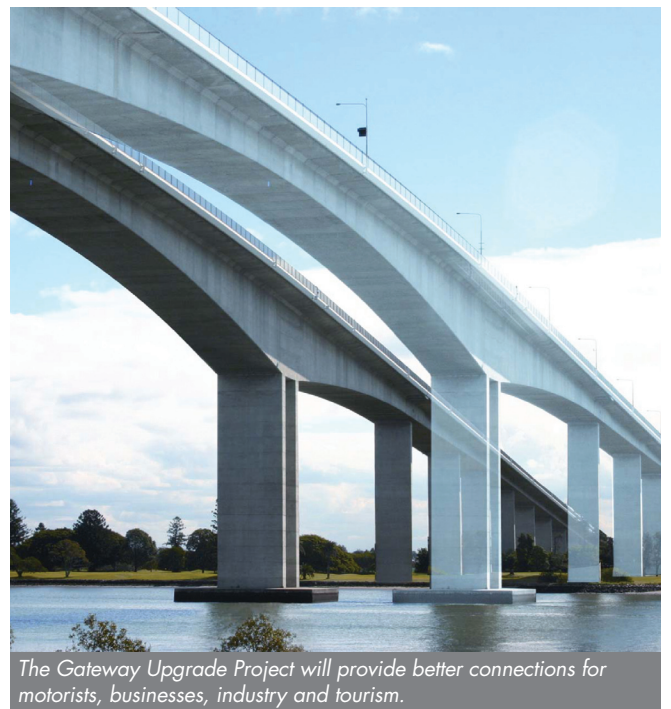
## Who is delivering the upgrade?

Queensland Motorways is delivering the Gateway Upgrade Project on behalf of the Queensland Government, with design and construction by the Leighton Abigroup Joint Venture (LAJV).

## What does the upgrade involve?

- Construction of a second Gateway Bridge including a dedicated pedestrian and cycle way.
- Refurbishment of the existing Gateway Bridge.
- Upgrade to 12km of the Gateway Motorway south of the Brisbane River between Lytton Road and Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road. Additional lanes will be constructed and existing lanes reconstructed. The Port of Brisbane Motorway interchange will also be upgraded.
- Construction of 7km of new motorway north of the Brisbane River to improve north-south connections and offer a more direct route to the Airport and Nudgee Road.
- Free-flow electronic tolling on both bridges and Intelligent Transport System (ITS) technologies to make travel safer and easier for motorists.

A critical connection to key state and national transport networks, the Gateway Motorway is part of the Auslink national network and a vital contributor to the national economy. The Motorway is the principle transport link in the Australia TradeCoast (ATC) precinct, which incorporates Brisbane Airport, the Port of Brisbane and surrounding industries. Currently, 40% of Gateway Bridge traffic is generated by the ATC.



*The Gateway Upgrade Project will provide better connections for motorists, businesses, industry and tourism.*

## What benefits will the upgrade deliver?

The Project will deliver many benefits including:

- Safer and easier travel along the Gateway Bridge and Motorway and reduced travel times.
- Pedestrian and cycle access to the Gateway Bridge.
- Better connections for business, industry and tourism, including easier travel between the Gold and Sunshine Coasts and improved access to the Australia TradeCoast precinct.

During the four-and-a-half-year construction period the Project will generate thousands of jobs and a flow-on effect into the local economy of about \$450 million in wages and salaries.

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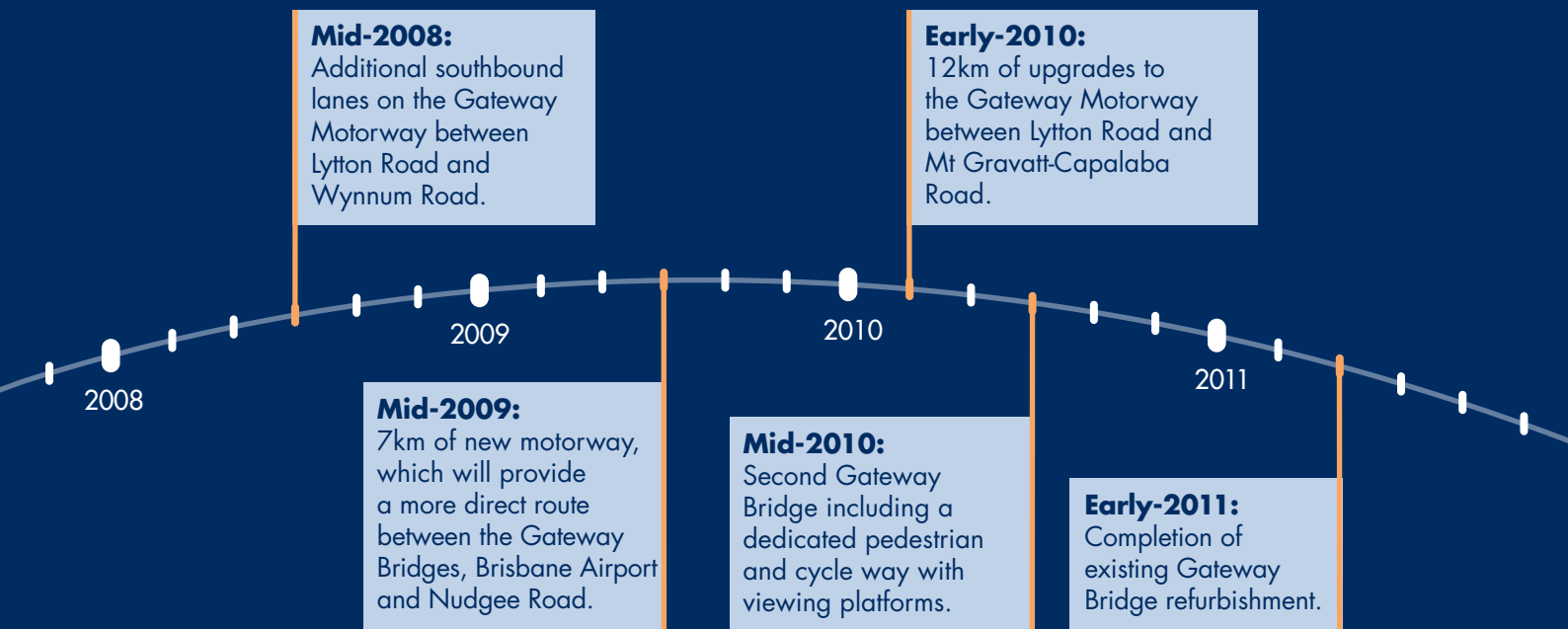
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# When will the upgrade be completed?

Construction commenced early 2007 with the Project scheduled for overall completion in early 2011. However, motorists will not have to wait until 2011 to experience the benefits of the upgrade, with sections being opened as they are completed. This will minimise construction impacts and improve traffic flows sooner.



## Why do we need the upgrade?

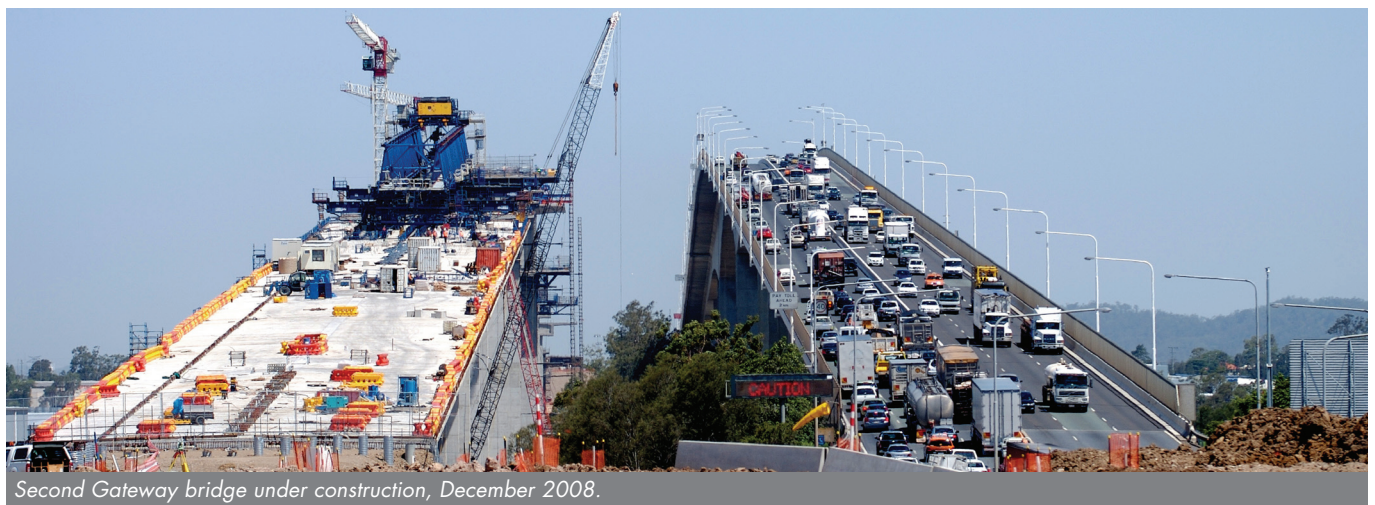
Since the opening of the Gateway Bridge and Motorway, the population of south-east Queensland has grown phenomenally.

A new and bigger Airport has been built, the Port of Brisbane has seen significant increases in shipping, and new industrial ventures have been attracted to the economic success of our innovative State.

When the Gateway Bridge opened in 1986, it carried 12,500 vehicles per day. By the end of the first year, this figure had grown to more than 17,000 per day.

Now, just over 20 years since its opening, the Gateway Motorway – one of the State's most critical transport connections – is exceeding capacity, carrying more than 100,000 vehicles per day.

**The Gateway Upgrade Project will serve the future needs of our growing State.**



Second Gateway bridge under construction, December 2008.

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