The M1 Pacific Motorway Upgrades will provide a better and more reliable journey on one of Australia’s busiest roads.

Roads and Maritime Services engaged Fulton Hogan Construction to upgrade the M1 Pacific Motorway between the Kariong and Somersby interchanges. The upgrade involves widening the motorway to three lanes in each direction and lengthening and widening three of the four ramps at the Kariong interchange.

Major construction started a year ago this month and is well under way along the eight kilometre length of the project, expected to be completed in 2020.

Work recently completed

Increases in temperature during the summer months were challenging, not only for the construction workers working in extreme heat but for the production of quality concrete for the new road pavement. We needed to carry out work earlier in the mornings so concrete could be mixed, cured and placed during cooler times of the day.

In January, concreting to widen the M1 bridges over Gindurra Road at Somersby was poured and completed in one night. The work involved stitching together the existing bridges and new bridge decks with concrete.

During February and March, we placed new concrete road pavement on the M1 southbound, creating a third lane, starting just south of Peats Ridge Road underpass to the Reeves Street bridge overpass.

This new pavement will allow for the existing two southbound lanes to shift towards the median on to temporary asphalt. This will also allow motorists to keep moving on the M1, while we work to repair, replace and recycle old concrete road surfaces.
Upcoming work

• At the Kariong interchange the two existing northbound and southbound lanes will shift into the median for about two kilometres so work can be carried out to repair and replace the old concrete road surfaces.

• Work continues to widen and extend the two lanes on the M1 northbound exit ramp to Gosford.

• Work will start to widen and extend the M1 southbound entry ramp from the Central Coast Highway.

Traffic changes

A reduced speed limit remains at 80km/h throughout the construction zone, with narrowed lanes and shoulders, for the safety of all road users and for workers when they are on site.

A reduced 40km/h speed limit is in place during night work.

For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Our work schedule

We will continue to work between 6am and 8pm from Monday to Friday and between 7am and 5pm on Saturday. Some work will take place intermittently at night between 8pm and 5am, Sunday to Friday.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.