



## PROJECT UPDATE - DECEMBER 2008

Welcome to the first of our regular Eastern Busway updates. Local knowledge and input from the community has helped shape the Eastern Busway throughout the planning phase of the project. We look forward to keeping you up to date with the latest news from the project team as we move towards the construction phase.

### What's been happening

The project is full steam ahead with the state government this week announcing the Eastern Busway alliance team that will deliver the Buranda to Main Avenue section. Designer Sinclair Knight Merz/Maunsell AECOM and constructor Leighton Contractors have been selected to join with Queensland Transport to deliver this section of the Eastern Busway.

The Government has committed to a \$465.8 million investment in the next 2.7km of the Eastern Busway. This funding is for property acquisition between Buranda and Cavendish Road, Coorparoo and construction of the 1.05km section between the South East Busway, Buranda and Main Avenue, Coorparoo.

The Buranda to Main Avenue section will connect the existing South East Busway at Buranda with Coorparoo via Stones Corner. A busway station will be built at Stones Corner with a premium bus stop at Langlands Park that protects for a future busway station.

The team will get to work on construction by mid next year, with completion due by early 2012. Further stages of the Eastern Busway are ready for immediate delivery, should funding become available under the Commonwealth Government's Infrastructure Australia program.

### Eastern Busway reference design



The project's reference design is shown in the map above. The Eastern Busway alliance team is currently gathering additional background data and reviewing the reference design. We will keep you informed as the design and construction methodology is progressed over the early months of 2009.



## Survey work

Local residents and business operators can expect to see project team members out and about in the project corridor over the coming weeks and months. They will be performing a range of technical surveys and investigations in Buranda, Stones Corner and Coorparoo which will build on the work undertaken in the planning phase and give us more information about geotechnical and environmental conditions to help inform the project's design and construction. Give us a call on 1800 550 277 if you would like any further information.

## Property resumptions

Formal property resumptions between Buranda and Cavendish Road are expected to start in early 2009, with the issuing of Notices of Intention to Resume. From this point, it is generally a six month process before resumptions are finalised. Queensland Transport has been corresponding with these owners for some time and all owners are aware of property requirements.

## Benefits of the Buranda to Main Avenue section of the Eastern Busway

- cuts up to eight minutes off bus trips through the most congested section of Old Cleveland Road, saving regular commuters from Coorparoo to Brisbane City nearly 1.5 hours in travel time per week
- bypasses four sets of traffic lights and the heavily-congested Logan Road/O'Keefe Street roundabout at Buranda
- by 2016, it will carry 7000 passengers in the morning peak (to carry the same number of passengers by car, you would have to build two extra traffic lanes along Old Cleveland Road).

## Princess Alexandra Hospital to South East Busway

Construction of this 600 metre section of the Eastern Busway began in July 2007 and is due for completion by late 2009. For further information, visit [www.translink.com.au/easternbusway](http://www.translink.com.au/easternbusway). Alternatively you can phone the project hotline on 1800 440 584 or email the team at [easternbusway@transport.qld.gov.au](mailto:easternbusway@transport.qld.gov.au).

## Brisbane City Council's Eastern Corridor Neighbourhood Plan

The Queensland Government and Brisbane City Council share a commitment to integrated planning for the eastern corridor between Buranda and Bennetts Road. Brisbane City Council, working with the Department of Infrastructure and Planning and Queensland Transport on the joint Eastern Corridor Planning Project, began preliminary planning investigations in late 2007. Brisbane City Council is now using the Eastern Corridor Planning Project as a platform for development of the Eastern Corridor Neighbourhood Plan. The Eastern Corridor Neighbourhood Plan will ensure that the Eastern Busway is integrated within well designed, mixed-use transit-oriented urban communities along its route.

Brisbane City Council has started community consultation on the Eastern Corridor Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan will focus on precincts that are expected to develop as 'mixed-use communities' – places with a mix of homes, businesses, shops and community places. For further information visit [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/urbanrenewal](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/urbanrenewal) and select "Eastern Corridor". Alternatively you can phone Council on (07) 3403 8888 or email the team at [Eastern.Corridor@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:Eastern.Corridor@brisbane.qld.gov.au).

## Further information

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