THE WAY FORWARD
A vision for Brisbane’s transport future
Looking back – how far we've come

From major road projects, suburban street improvements, bus fleet upgrades and new active transport options, Brisbane City Council has delivered significant improvements to help keep Brisbane moving.

Delivering $7 billion of major infrastructure under the TransApex plan, representing the largest combination of infrastructure projects ever delivered in Australia by a local council.

Helping you make healthy and active transport choices, by delivering 130 new bikeway projects between 2012 and 2016 under the Better Bikeways 4 Brisbane program.

Tackling traffic congestion to get you home quicker and safer, by delivering 15 years of road projects in four years under the $1.2 billion Road Action Program.

Encouraging increased use of sustainable transport, through award-winning travel behaviour change programs, Active School Travel and Cycling Brisbane.

Ensuring everyone can enjoy Brisbane’s public transport, by delivering a bus fleet that is wheelchair, pram and walking-frame accessible and upgrading ferry terminals.

Keeping Brisbane moving, by using real-time monitoring technology to manage more than 5700 kilometres of road network 24/7 through the Brisbane Metropolitan Transport Management Centre.

Creating a cleaner, greener and more sustainable Brisbane, by using high-efficiency, environmentally friendly diesel engine technology for all new Council buses.
The world is changing and Brisbane is no exception. Tomorrow will look very different to today, as rapid changes in technology, the environment, new business models and an ageing population change how people move around.

In the next 20 years, there will be significant population growth in areas around Brisbane including Ipswich, Logan, Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast. At the same time, employment in Brisbane will grow more than any other Local Government Area, providing almost half of South East Queensland’s new jobs by 2041. This means more people will be commuting into Brisbane from surrounding areas, creating more demand on transport networks already at capacity during peak times.

While building and upgrading infrastructure will continue to play an important role in meeting increased demand, we recognise the need to change our focus and look to alternative, sustainable forms of transport and ensure Brisbane is a walkable city.

We need to work Brisbane’s existing infrastructure harder and embrace innovation to meet people’s needs. We need to build our agility so we can embrace innovation and new technology.

We need to seamlessly integrate land use and transport planning to ensure we meet future infrastructure and transport corridor needs.

Through the new Transport Plan for Brisbane - Strategic Directions, Council will deliver farsighted, innovative and people-focused transport planning for Brisbane’s future.
An easy commute

Imagine a future where your daily commute isn’t ruled by timetables and tickets. You can leave home whenever you’re ready, knowing you can just turn up, jump on and go – whether it be on a driverless bus, electric bike or a personal mobility pod. Get a head start on the day’s work with free on-board Wi-Fi and charge points all at your seat, as your mobile tracks your journey from start to finish, automating payment and feeding real-time alerts on route changes, delays and alternative options along the way.

By 2041, South East Queensland will be home to nearly 1.9 million extra people.[1] Brisbane is growing every day. More people want to live and work here, more companies want to invest here and more commuters than ever will need to travel into and around our city in the future.

We want Brisbane’s public transport to be your first choice for getting into the city; easy to use, there when you need it and with times, transfers and ticket information all available at a tap.


Supporting business and industry

Imagine a future where goods arrive when you want them to, without delay. You get what you need, when you need it, because your local delivery truck is on a dedicated, off-peak freight route, not stuck in commuter traffic. Urgent deliveries arrive by drones that you can book online 24/7 and track on your mobile. You spend less time worrying about logistics and more time growing your business.

Brisbane’s future is bright. Our exports and tourism are growing and our reputation as Australia’s New World City is spreading around the globe.

To make the most of the opportunities in front of us, we need transport that means our local goods, as well as national and international freight, can get where it needs to go on time, particularly to and from our port and airport.

Attracting tourists is vital to the future of our economy, so we must offer them a great experience of getting around our beautiful city, whether it’s a smooth ride from the airport, or easy access to our famous CityCats.

Our transport network will deliver the Brisbane of tomorrow – let’s make sure its future is as bright as a Brisbane sky.
Imagine a future where you don’t need a car for short, local trips. You can use well-maintained paths and bikeways all year round to walk or cycle to your local shops, schools and parks, plus onward links to the CBD. You can save on the running cost of your car and instead get the latest model bike, new sneakers and spend days out enjoying our city’s natural areas – all while getting fit!

Brisbane has what it takes to become one of the world’s great walking and cycling cities. We have beautiful riverside walks and bridges, thousands of kilometres of local pathways and a world-class bikeway network that’s growing by the day.

Our city streets must balance traffic with safe, comfortable, uninterrupted journeys for walking and cycling, especially around the CBD’s retail heart and leading to universities, stadiums and entertainment venues. Walking and cycling networks are affordable, enjoyable and healthy ways to get where you need to go. Our vision is for even more of them!

Imagine a future where one part of your journey melts seamlessly into the next. You can go from your front door to a pathway, then onto a bikeway before joining with public transport, which will take you straight to wherever you need to be. You’ll move within and across suburbs seamlessly and in a snap, giving you more time to spend with family and friends when you get there.

Our communities are changing and we need an efficient and integrated transport network to keep them connected.

Fast, frequent and reliable public transport services should be the foundation of that network. These should complement active transport options to connect major centres, specialist employment hubs and urban living areas to each other and to the CBD, making more destinations accessible around the clock as Brisbane becomes a 24/7 city.

Public transport should be affordable and accessible for all, including people with a disability, or who are older, speak a different language or travel with young children. Stops and stations should be within walking distance of homes, with information on how to plan, book and pay for a journey all available in one easy place.

Our transport system needs to make us better connected, not just move us from A to B.
A sustainable future

Imagine a future where Brisbane isn’t only Australia’s most sustainable city, but a world leader in green living. You’ll have eco-friendly public transport options wherever you’re headed – your journey powered by reliable, renewable energy sources that keep our people, plants and animals healthy.

Brisbane is Australia’s most sustainable city. We want to keep it that way as our city grows, so making best use of our transport system is crucial to our future.

Getting more people onto our active and public transport routes is the best way to keep our air clean, reduce our carbon footprint and support better community health.

Our transport solutions will minimise impacts on the environment – maximising energy efficiency and reducing emissions and pollutants. To keep the city moving, our transport networks must be resilient to weather events of increasing severity.

Embracing innovation

Imagine a future where you know where the empty seats are on your bus or train, before you even get on. Your journey will be faster and safer, as networks monitor their own performance, predicting impacts and safely directing movements. You can check your travel options from your front door, so you know the best possible route to take at that exact moment in time to get you where you need to go.

Technology is changing how we live, connect, collaborate, work and travel. Driverless cars, drones, automated logistics, global transport apps and other exciting new technologies have the potential to fundamentally change our transport future.

Our city must be able to take full advantage of new technologies by anticipating, managing and preparing for change. Regulations must enable innovation to flourish while protecting people’s rights and safety and our infrastructure should support the uptake of new ideas.

We want a transport system that’s driven by smart solutions.
Where to from here?

We know transport is vital to our city. It connects our people with each other and with industry, and keeps our city moving forward.

That’s why we are taking a radical new approach to transport planning; one that focuses on how our transport network supports citywide outcomes, rather than just on the modes that get us from A to B.

Council’s new Transport Plan for Brisbane - Strategic Directions will be built around themes such as liveability, economic prosperity and innovation, to show the crucial role transport plays in driving these outcomes for our city.

The plan will set Brisbane up to be agile, responsive and in prime condition to meet future challenges and embrace the opportunities coming our way.

HELP US SHAPE BRISBANE’S TRANSPORT FUTURE!

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