I am pleased to announce Brisbane City Council has selected Lendlease as the preferred contractor to design and construct the Kingsford Smith Drive upgrade.

This critical upgrade will reduce traffic congestion along the corridor and improve local amenity and access for all road users, including cyclists, pedestrians and public transport users.

It will also create an entry statement to Brisbane, transforming one of the city’s most significant routes into a vibrant urban corridor with the Brisbane River as the centrepiece.

The upgrade will boost business and economic development, expanding one of Brisbane’s most important traffic corridors to help future-proof our new world city.

**Lendlease’s proposal includes:**
- a tree-lined boulevard creating a subtropical entry into Brisbane
- a new RiverWalk and segregated cycle path with dedicated rest areas that maximise public access to the river
- significant new riverside destinations at Bretts Wharf and Cameron Rocks Reserve, easily accessible via public transport
- continuous footpaths on both sides of the road with improved footpath widths
- dedicated on-road cycle lanes between Theodore Street and Harbour Road.

More information on Lendlease’s design can be found inside this newsletter.

Lendlease, one of Australia’s leading construction contractors, has been responsible for the successful delivery of some of the nation’s largest road and bridge projects.

A short-list of four companies presented a wealth of international experience and local expertise, and the competition generated by the tender process has resulted in a great outcome for ratepayers.

Initial work on the upgrade is expected to start in early 2016 and I look forward to continuing to work with the community to deliver this vital project for Brisbane.

**Graham Quirk**, Lord Mayor
Part of Council’s long-term plan

The Kingsford Smith Drive upgrade is the next flagship project to be delivered by Council to transform Brisbane's road network.

Kingsford Smith Drive is one of the most significant routes in the city for Brisbane’s economic prosperity.

A major road corridor, it links the Brisbane CBD to Brisbane Airport, the Port of Brisbane and residential and economic growth areas including Northshore Hamilton and the Australia TradeCoast area, which is expected to be the second biggest job generator in South East Queensland, behind Brisbane’s CBD, in future years.

It is currently used by up to 70,000 private vehicles, public transport and freight vehicles every day and has been operating at capacity for several years.

By 2030, Northshore Hamilton alone will be home to around 15,000 people and will be a hub of employment for up to 10,000 people in commercial and retail businesses. Together with Australia TradeCoast, this is expected to generate approximately 30,000 extra vehicle trips per day.

This means the level of service provided by the road in its present state will continue to deteriorate.

The Kingsford Smith Drive upgrade serves as a key part of Council’s balanced approach to tackling traffic congestion in Brisbane, which could cost businesses and residents up to $3 billion by 2020, if not addressed.

About the upgrade

The Kingsford Smith Drive upgrade will involve widening the road from four to six lanes between Theodore Street at Eagle Farm and Cooksley Street at Hamilton. It will also include improvement works between Cooksley Street and Breakfast Creek Road at Albion.

In addition to providing increased road capacity to accommodate future traffic volumes, the upgrade will also deliver significantly improved pedestrian and cycle facilities, providing active transport options for both existing residents and the developing Northshore precinct.

The upgrade will include widened footpaths along the northern side of Kingsford Smith Drive and continuous footpaths on the southern side of the road.

On-road dedicated cycle lanes will be constructed from Riverview Terrace to Theodore Street (eastbound) and Theodore Street to Harbour Road (westbound), where cyclists will be encouraged to exit the on-road cycle lane and enter the new dedicated off-road cycle path that runs along the river.

The project also delivers upgraded public transport with indented bus stops that cater for future increases in bus services along the corridor and reduce delays.

$70 MILLION

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Kingsford Smith Drive upgrade – Lendlease’s design

Widening into the river
Kingsford Smith Drive will be widened into the river between Brett’s Wharf and Cameron Rocks Reserve by approximately 10-15 metres. The distance varies along the length of the upgrade depending on the width of designated bus lanes and rest areas.

Protection of the environment will be a key priority during the upgrade. Council has considered the impact of widening into the river, including potential flooding, environmental impacts such as the loss or relocation of vegetation, and impacts on private and commercial use of the river itself. The results of investigations in these areas will have helped to shape the design of the upgrade.
Showcasing our river city

The Kingsford Smith Drive upgrade is much more than just a road project.

As a major gateway to the city for tourists, visitors and residents, Kingsford Smith Drive will be transformed into a vibrant urban corridor that maximises public access to the river and reinforces Brisbane’s identity as a new world city.

A tree-lined boulevard

The Kingsford Smith Drive upgrade will create a subtropical arrival experience into Brisbane, providing shade and enhancing views of our river city.

Trees will be planted along the entire corridor, with centre median planting creating a memorable journey for all road users while maintaining views for local residents.

Cameron Rocks Reserve

Cameron Rocks Reserve will be redeveloped to create a new lawn focussed on the existing war memorial, surrounded by palms, figs and poinciana trees.

Council and Lendlease will continue to work with the local RSL to ensure this space is a special place of remembrance and remains as the setting for the annual Anzac Day service.

The fishing pavilion will be retained and the small natural cove at Cameron Rocks enhanced, allowing access to the park directly from the river.

Bretts Wharf Plaza

The vibrant urban plaza and parkland at Bretts Wharf will be a significant new riverside destination, capitalising on stunning river city views and easily accessible via public transport.

With opportunities for relaxation or hosting performances and events, the multi-functional plaza will be a vital activity hub that connects the Racecourse Road retail precinct, the new RiverWalk and the Portside and Northshore Hamilton entertainment precincts.

The public pontoon near Bretts Wharf will also be reinstated, allowing access to water transport.

A new RiverWalk

The RiverWalk will provide a riverside promenade and cycle path enabling residents and visitors to explore this well-known but less frequently visited reach of the Brisbane River.

Rest stop areas will be located along the RiverWalk with viewing platforms, plantings, seating and shade canopies that encourage public access to the river and capture views towards the CBD and Portside.

The RiverWalk will be a cantilevered structure extending out over the river, fully separated from traffic to provide enhanced opportunities for leisure and recreation.
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More information about the construction of the upgrade will be provided to the community in early 2016.

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