MORE BUSES FOR THE SUBURBS

While Brisbane Metro is focused on moving commuters quickly within the inner five kilometre ring to the CBD, residents in middle and outer suburbs will also benefit from improved access to public transport services. By reducing the number of buses entering the CBD, Brisbane Metro will free up buses to better service suburbs across the city.

Providing better connections between people with places and offering sustainable travel choices are all part of Council’s vision for an accessible, connected city.

As part of this, Council operates one of the largest bus fleets in Australia, with almost 1200 buses providing comfort and easy access for all passengers.

Residents can learn more about Brisbane Metro by attending an upcoming community information session. Project team members will be on hand at each drop-in session to answer questions and take feedback from the community.

By having your say, your feedback will play an important role in further developing the business case for Brisbane Metro, which is due to be complete by May 2017.

With planning for Brisbane Metro now underway, residents are being invited to have your say as part of a city-wide engagement program.

The program provides a range of opportunities for community, industry and government representatives to help shape this important public transport project.

Come along and meet the project team at one of these sessions:

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To watch a video showing how Brisbane Metro will transform your journey from the suburbs to the inner city, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search ‘Brisbane Metro Subway System’.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BRISBANE METRO SUBWAY SYSTEM

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR

I am pleased to provide an update on the Brisbane Metro Subway System, our city’s new high frequency public transport solution, which will play a critical role in meeting our future needs and contributing to a more sustainable, liveable city.

Our inner city bus infrastructure is fast reaching capacity, and with demand for bus trips to the CBD set to double by 2031, a significant investment in public transport infrastructure is needed now to keep our city moving.

With Brisbane Metro, residents will have access to a high-frequency transport system that will reduce CBD congestion, cut travel times and free up buses to deliver more services across the suburbs of Brisbane.

Brisbane City Council has a long history of delivering major transport infrastructure projects for our city, including the Eleanor Schonell Bridge, Legacy Way, the Go-Between Bridge and Clem 7. As Lord Mayor, I am committed to continuing this by introducing the Brisbane Metro.

Through our city-wide engagement program, we are providing a range of opportunities for the community to have their say about this exciting project. I encourage all residents to get involved by attending an upcoming community information session.

Development of the business case is progressing well with Council’s project team undertaking a range of investigations and assessments to confirm the project’s feasibility.

I look forward to providing you with a further update on the business case in early 2017.

METRO PROJECT UPDATE

Work is well underway on developing the business case for Brisbane Metro, a vital project that will help address the city’s public transport capacity issues.

The seven kilometre route will provide a high-frequency link between Woolloongabba and Herston using existing sections of Brisbane’s inner-city busway infrastructure.

A range of transport, environmental and financial assessments are being undertaken to help inform project planning. This includes investigating alignment options, Metro and bus interchange layouts, rolling stock vehicles, and maintenance depot and staging locations.

Other studies underway include how Brisbane Metro will integrate with the wider bus and rail network. Council is also engaging widely with community, government and industry representatives to help further refine the project design over the coming months.

Feedback from residents and stakeholders will play a vital role in developing the business case for Brisbane Metro, which is due to be complete by May 2017.

You can read more about how to have your say on this critical public transport project on page four of this newsletter.
**THE NEED FOR CHANGE**

At present, two-thirds of public transport passengers in Brisbane are bus users. In fact, Brisbane’s bus network moves 24 million more passengers each year than the entire rail network in South East Queensland.

While Brisbane has an extensive busway network, much of our bus infrastructure is fast reaching capacity. The Cultural Centre, King George Square, Roma Street and Queen Street bus stations are all at capacity during peak periods, and many bus stops in inner city streets are at, or reaching, their capacity limit.

As a result, Brisbane’s CBD is experiencing increased traffic congestion, blocked lanes from bus stop queues and delays to commuters. With forecasts for 2031 indicating an additional 108,000 jobs will be based in the CBD and surrounding areas, demand for public transport journeys through the CBD will increase by 80 per cent.

Without a significant investment in public transport infrastructure, the number of buses in the CBD is predicted to double, choking inner city streets and slowing down our economy.

Previous investigations by Council and the Queensland Government have identified the need to act on this challenge. By providing additional inner city public transport capacity, Brisbane Metro will help meet the future needs of our growing city.

**FASTER JOURNEYS**

The introduction of Brisbane Metro will mean faster travel times, with a journey from Woolloongabba to the CBD expected to reduce to 6.5 minutes and from Herston to the CBD to 5.5 minutes.

Currently, an average trip from Woolloongabba to the CBD is scheduled to take 12 minutes, but can be up to 20 minutes due to bus congestion in the inner city.

As Brisbane’s population and economy continues to grow, so will the demand for fast, reliable public transport connections to the CBD.

Brisbane Metro will help meet this demand by providing a high frequency service connecting the CBD with key employment and residential precincts at Woolloongabba, South Bank, Kelvin Grove and Herston.

By reducing the number of buses on inner city streets, Brisbane Metro will improve CBD amenity and provide an enhanced environment for pedestrians and cyclists. Inner city streets and spaces will be returned to the people, contributing to a more sustainable and liveable city.

**EVOLVING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE**

Brisbane Metro will provide a dedicated route between Woolloongabba and Herston using existing sections of the South East and Inner Northern busways, as well as additional tunnel and road infrastructure.

It’s an evolution of our busways, and a revolution for our transport network.

Much of the busway network was designed to accommodate a future rapid transport system. As part of the development of the business case, Council is examining in detail what is required to repurpose busway and station infrastructure to accommodate Metro services.

By making better use of this existing infrastructure, Brisbane Metro provides a cost-effective way of increasing public transport capacity, reducing congestion and removing buses from busy inner city streets.

**BETTER CONNECTIONS**

Brisbane Metro will see existing sections of Brisbane’s inner city busways converted to Metro tracks, providing seven kilometres of fast, uninterrupted travel.

Rather than continuing to the city, many suburban bus routes will connect to interchange stations at Woolloongabba and Herston, where passengers will transfer to Metro services.

With proposed services every two minutes, Brisbane Metro will be able to move up to 30,000 people an hour. This means fewer delays, shorter commutes and easy transfers.

Like many cities around the world, such as in Paris, Brisbane will introduce a single metro line as the first step towards creating a modern rapid transport network for the city.

With much of our busway infrastructure fast reaching capacity, future Metro and expanded Glider services will be needed to improve connectivity and keep our city moving.

Brisbane Metro will also provide connections to existing rail services at several stations, including the Queensland Government’s planned Cross River Rail line.