A MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR

I am pleased to provide you with an update on Brisbane Metro, Brisbane City Council’s high-frequency, high-capacity public transport system.

With two metro routes operating every three minutes during peak periods, Brisbane Metro will deliver turn-up-and-go services across a 21 kilometre network, linking the suburbs with the inner city.

World-class public transport like Brisbane Metro is a key part of Council’s plan for more buses for the suburbs, fewer cars on the road and more travel options for residents.

Since completing the Brisbane Metro Business Case in 2017, Council is getting on with the job of delivering this vital public transport project.

As part of Council’s 2017-18 Budget, I announced our commitment to fund two-thirds of the capital cost of the project, with Council seeking a funding contribution from the Federal Government for the remaining capital cost.

Planning is also underway for the procurement phase, with the delivery strategy for the project released to industry in February. Subject to funding and approvals, formal procurement activities are expected to commence in mid-2018.

In April, Council will release the Brisbane Metro draft Design Report, providing residents another opportunity to help shape this vital project for Brisbane.

I look forward to keeping you up to date as this critical project for Brisbane progresses.

Graham Quirk
Lord Mayor

THE RIGHT SOLUTION FOR BRISBANE

The Brisbane Metro Business Case, submitted to Infrastructure Australia in 2017, confirms the project is a viable cost-effective solution to Brisbane’s bus congestion issues.

Introducing high-capacity metro services and reducing the number of buses entering the CBD means the entire bus network will operate more efficiently. This provides the opportunity to improve bus services in suburbs right across Brisbane.

Together with the State Government’s Cross River Rail project, Brisbane Metro will help support future jobs and population growth across the region.

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Fixes critical bottlenecks on the busway

Boosts the capacity of the busway to carry up to 22,000 people per hour

Reduces inner city bus congestion

Improves travel time by up to 50%
BUILDING BRISBANE’S FUTURE TRANSPORT NETWORK

Brisbane Metro forms a key part of Council’s vision for Brisbane to have Australia’s most modern public transport network. Together with the State Government’s Cross River Rail project, it will unlock existing capacity constraints at the core of the transport network.

Integrated metro, bus and rail services on a turn-up-and-go high-frequency network will provide the transport capacity to help support future growth of the economy and population. It will connect people to some of Brisbane’s key transport destinations such as South Bank, major hospitals and universities as well as shopping precincts.

Upgrading the inner city network will also enable the development of future city-wide and region-wide public transport services across the suburbs.

Both Council and the State Government recognise the critical role Brisbane Metro will play in our future transport network. This is reflected in the joint Connecting Brisbane strategy released in June 2017 and the State Government’s South East Queensland Regional Plan, which lists Brisbane Metro as the number two infrastructure priority.

A NEW UNDERGROUND STATION AT THE CULTURAL CENTRE

As part of Brisbane Metro, a new underground station will be delivered at the Cultural Centre, providing an uninterrupted connection between the South East Busway and Victoria Bridge for metro and bus services.

The station will be constructed under the intersection of Melbourne Street and Grey Street, on the land adjacent to the existing South Brisbane train station.

A new ‘scramble crossing’ will be introduced at the intersection of Melbourne Street and Grey Street, helping improve connectivity, safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists.

New bus stops will be built at Melbourne Street for buses connecting to West End, the CBD and Fortitude Valley, such as Council’s Blue CityGlider service.

METRO DEPOT PLANNED FOR ROCHEDALE

Council recently announced plans to establish a depot for Brisbane Metro’s high-capacity metro vehicles at a location near the end of the existing busway at Rochedale.

The preferred site for the depot is located between School Road and the point where the Gateway Motorway joins the Pacific Motorway.

A key benefit of this depot location is ensuring convenient and direct access to the existing busway. This avoids the need for metro vehicles to travel on the local road network and will allow metro services to run as efficiently as possible.

The depot is also ideally positioned to cater for the State Government’s future plan to extend the busway to Rochedale and Springwood.
FASTER JOURNEYS

With two metro routes operating every three minutes in peak periods, residents will benefit from a network of turn-up-and-go services linking the suburbs with the inner city.

Metro 1 will link Eight Mile Plains busway station to Roma Street busway station, while Metro 2 will connect RBWH busway station to UQ Lakes busway station.

Some high-frequency bus routes will continue to operate on the busway, providing a network of suburbs-to-city services for residents across Brisbane.

Other services will provide regular, frequent connections from the suburbs to high-frequency metro services at busway stations.

Improvements such as off-board ticketing and all-door boarding will also help to improve journey times and reliability.

BETTER CONNECTIONS

Customers will benefit from an easier to use network with better connectivity to a wider range of growth destinations.

This includes two connections to Cross River Rail, allowing people to transfer to metro services at Boggo Road and Roma Street stations to access destinations such as the University of Queensland and Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital.

Brisbane Metro also connects to key health, knowledge and entertainment hubs, including the State Government’s Herston Quarter redevelopment and the proposed Brisbane Live project at Roma Street.
HAVE your say

Feedback from residents and stakeholders has already played a critical role in shaping Brisbane Metro. We’re asking you to have your say on the Brisbane Metro draft Design Report as Council moves into the next phase of this exciting project.

You will be able to view the draft Design Report and speak to a member of the Brisbane Metro project team at upcoming community information sessions.

Dates, times and locations will be available on Council’s website in April.

DRAFT DESIGN REPORT

Council will be undertaking further public consultation to help shape Brisbane Metro and is releasing a draft Design Report in April.

The draft report marks the next important milestone in the project’s development.

It describes the construction and operation of Brisbane Metro in detail and will be available on Council’s website and at upcoming community information sessions.

To register for project updates, visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search ‘Brisbane Metro’.

NEXT STEPS

Council is committed to working with the community and stakeholders to deliver Brisbane Metro. Since the release of the Business Case in 2017, Council continues to work closely with the State Government and Federal Government to progress detailed planning for Brisbane Metro.

Subject to approvals and funding being in place, Council expects procurement activities for Brisbane Metro to commence in mid-2018. Detailed design and construction of Brisbane Metro is planned to commence in 2019, with metro services commencing in 2023*.

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