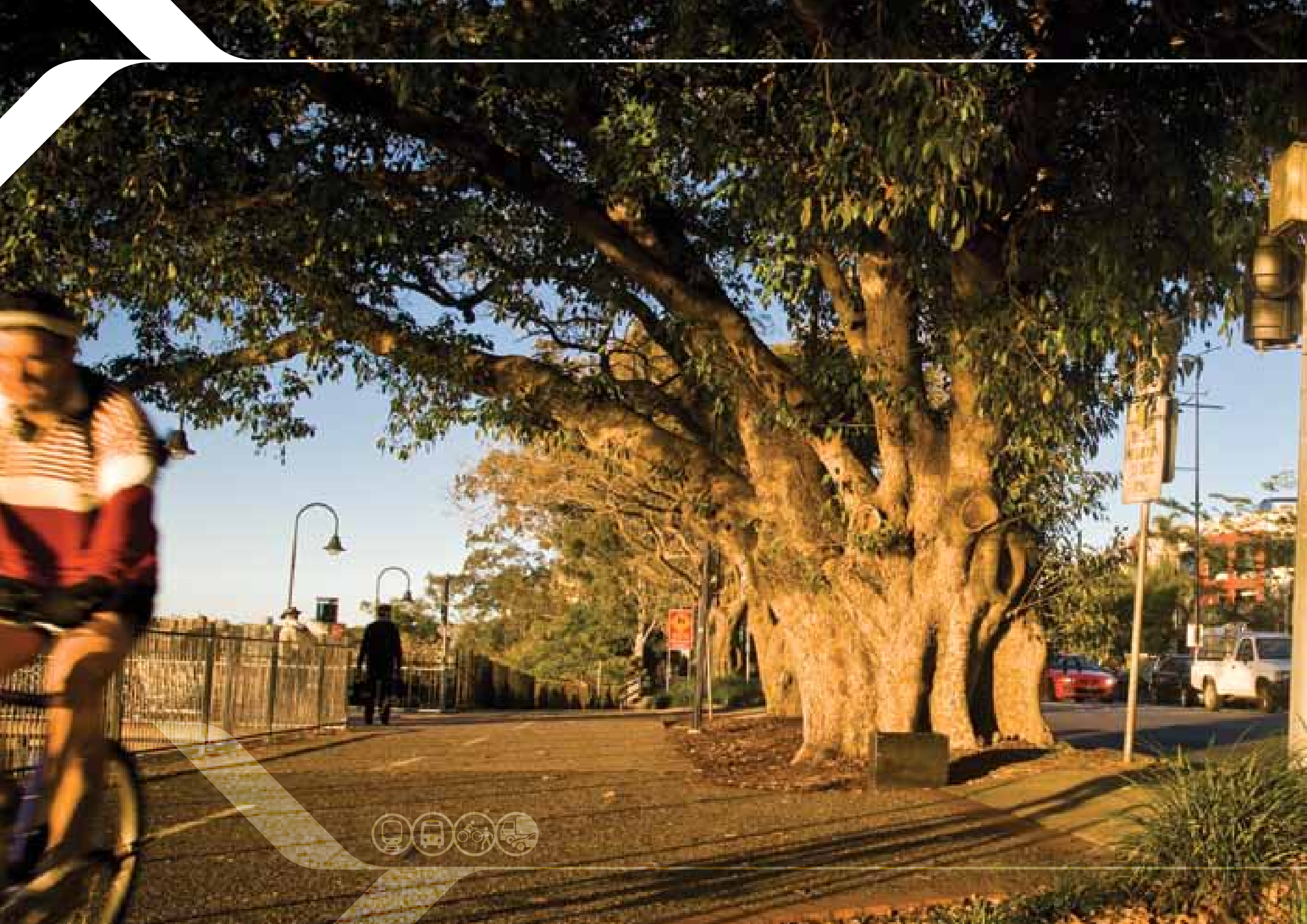


Western Brisbane

Transport Network Strategy







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This is a strategic vision to provide a framework for planning and delivery of the transport network in western Brisbane. The information on the maps in this document is not intended for reference to specific parcels of land. It should be treated as indicative only and subject to ongoing refinement.

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Foreword

Western Brisbane Transport Network Strategy



The Western Brisbane Transport Network Investigation is a coordinated approach to the ongoing development of the transport network for western Brisbane.

More than a million people were asked for their input into a plan which integrates all modes of transport, such as rail, bus, road, walking and cycling.

The Investigation commenced in 2007, in large part as a means of determining whether the long talked-about Western Brisbane Bypass would happen.

That option was ruled out in 2008 after detailed traffic projections showed insufficient demand but, in keeping with government's commitments, the planning exercise continued to develop a holistic transport plan for Western Brisbane's future.

Rail forms the backbone of the plan. The investigation finds that by continuing to expand the rail network, by adding trains and by full sectorisation of the system, capacity can be significantly expanded.

In relation to road transport, the Investigation supports the need for Brisbane City Council's proposed Northern Link tunnel and it proposes an improved north south road connection including a tunnel linking Toowong to Everton Park.

Much of the work identified in the Western Brisbane Transport Network Investigation is already underway. The rail network is being extended to Richlands and capacity is being expanded between Corinda and Darra. The Northern Busway to Kedron is under construction and so is Airport Link. In addition, the Brisbane City Council is actively pursuing the Northern Link tunnel.

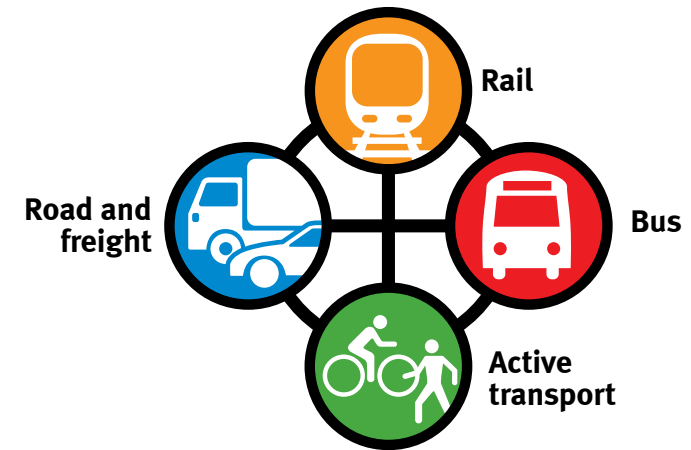
Beyond that, the Western Brisbane Transport Network Strategy provides a planning blueprint for a sustainable transport future for this important part of South East Queensland.

The Honourable Rachel Nolan, MP
Minister for Transport



An integrated strategy

For the first time, a coordinated approach to the transport needs of western Brisbane integrates all types of transport and land use into one strategy, balancing the city's social, environmental and economic objectives.





Key strategy components



Rail

The staged transformation of the existing rail network to a high capacity surface rail system with new, multi-purpose stations and new carriages designed to minimise stopping times at stations is the centrepiece of the strategy.

It delivers greater service reliability, higher frequency and safety benefits, including best practice signalling and the upgrade of level crossings.

The rail transformation means more frequent trains with the potential to triple the passenger capacity of the rail network.

- Rail as the backbone of the transport network
- 'Turn-up-and-go' service (no timetable required)
- New multi-purpose stations
- More frequent trains



Bus priority

Transport corridors are community assets. Prioritising freed-up road space for buses maximises the ability to move more people along the corridor.

Bus priority provides direct services to the Brisbane Central Business District and activity centres in corridors not serviced by rail, and supports high capacity rail corridors through improved bus feeder services.

- Bus lanes and bus priority along existing roads
- Support bus connections to activity centres and the Brisbane Central Business District
- Integrate bus services with rail and make transfers easier



Active transport choices – walk and cycle

The strategy provides a continuous network of high standard, easy to follow walking and cycling routes through a combination of bikeways, bike lanes, wide footpaths and river crossings.

An urban community with a well designed active transport system benefits the network at two levels; it supports access to public transport for commuter trips and it promotes sustainable local trips, reducing congestion.

- Walk and cycle facilities integrated into road corridor designs
- Prioritise active transport facilities as part of local urban redevelopment
- Support access to public transport services



North South Motorway

A motorway between the Ipswich Motorway and the Bruce Highway would assist in managing congestion on other north-south links, and provide flexibility and alternative routes for long distance trips and freight carriage.

Road corridors connect communities through many types of transport. The new road structure for western Brisbane would improve 24-hour accessibility, reduce travel times and make local trips easier.

- Complete the motorway network
- Support bus, cycle and walk within the corridor
- Connect communities and enhance economic growth
- Provide for goods and services movement



Integrated corridor projects

This table shows proposed upgrade projects along corridors. Opportunity for several modes to be packaged as one integrated project has been shown.

This is a strategic framework for future planning and delivery.

Further assessment is required to identify:

- social impact
- environmental impact
- engineering feasibility
- corridor alignment
- economic feasibility, including government affordability.

This would be carried out in conjunction with further community consultation.

Key

- Under construction
- In planning

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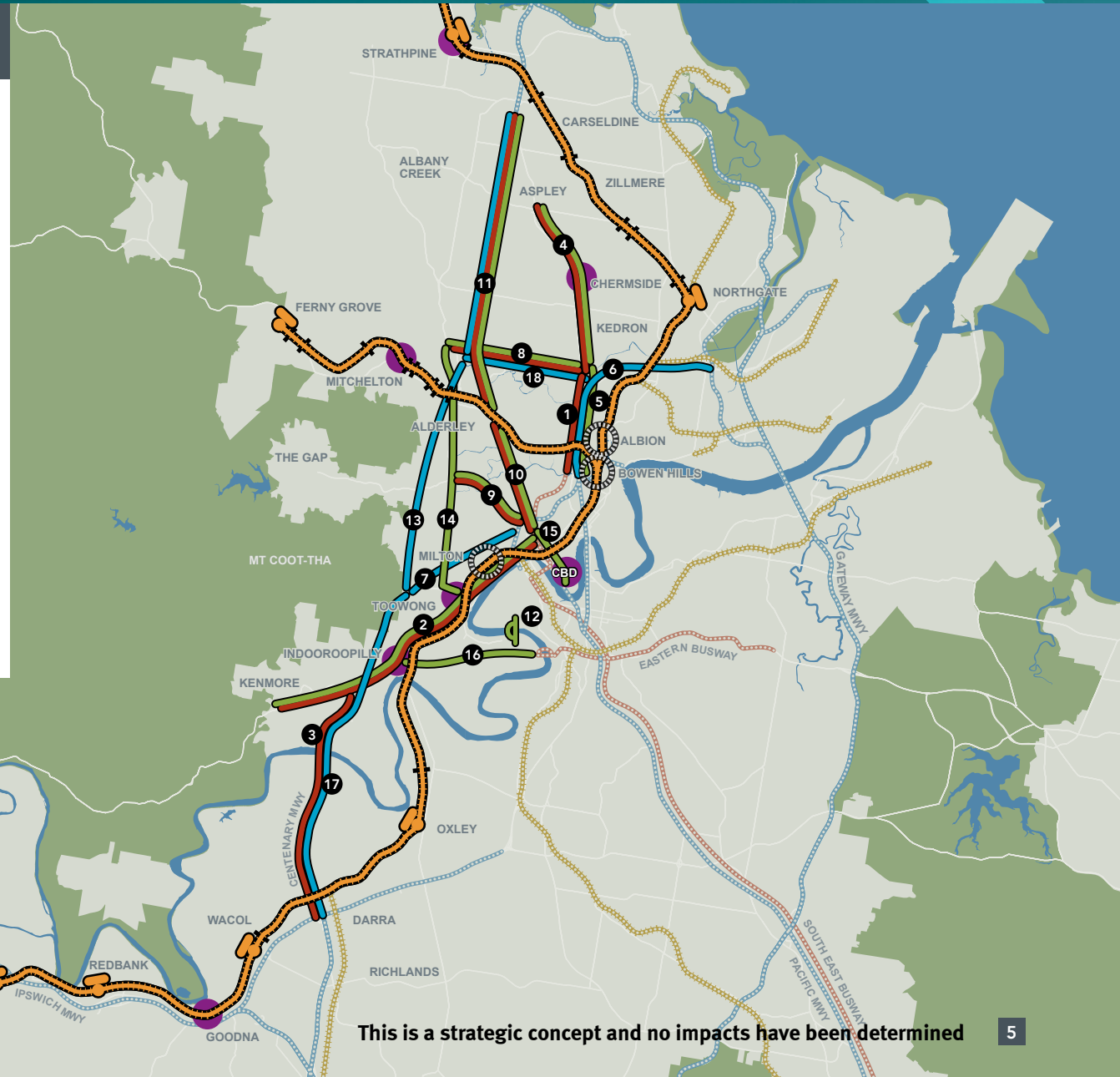
Integrated network strategy

Legend

- Rail
- Bus
- Active transport
- Road and freight
- River Link
- Upgraded Park 'n' Ride
- Grade separation program
- Committed TOD (Transit Oriented Development)
- Activity centre
- Existing or committed major roads
- Existing or committed busways
- Existing rail lines
- 2026 urban footprint



Not to scale



This is a strategic concept and no impacts have been determined



Introduction

Challenges we face

Population growth, climate change and rising fuel costs are exerting increasing pressure on the transport network in South East Queensland. The challenge is to develop a transport network that successfully responds to these pressures while protecting the environment and lifestyle that the community values.

Specific challenges include:

- managing population growth
- managing patronage growth on passenger transport services
- managing peak hour congestion
- reducing freight movement costs
- managing rising transport and fuel costs
- managing construction and maintenance costs.

Climate change, peak oil and rising transport costs

The rising cost of crude oil has significantly increased transport costs, accelerating a move from cars to public transport.

The strategy's focus on rail and bus priority provides a sustainable network system with the capacity and flexibility to manage the uncertain future challenges.



Our response

The strategy balances the competing objectives of accessibility, economic development and sustainability. Investing only in roads will not achieve sustainability, deal with higher transport costs or address the issues of climate change and emissions reduction. Likewise, investing only in public transport will not provide for region-wide accessibility, support economic development, improve goods delivery reliability or reduce freight costs.

The strategy is a 20-year vision to guide all levels of government. It is a fully integrated, multi-modal approach to transforming the transport network of western Brisbane based on the key principles of:

- making better use of existing infrastructure
- building on current infrastructure programs
- prioritising transport corridor space.



Key principles

Making better use of existing infrastructure

Brisbane has an extensive network of existing transport corridors. The strategy is based on making better use of these existing transport corridors before considering new corridors.

By being strategic and forward thinking with our existing assets, and by using additional corridor space to enable priority to be given to public transport where possible, future transport needs could be largely accommodated within existing corridors with minimal impact on the surrounding environment.

Our rail assets

The existing rail network is a valuable asset. It supports existing land use and provides a good distribution of services across the network. We will continue to develop the rail system to increase its capacity.

Our bus assets

Brisbane's existing busways are world leading, for example, the South East Busway is currently moving up to 18 000 people an hour.

Our busways provide a similar service to rail for suburbs without direct access to rail lines. Continued investment in busways, bus lanes and transit lanes removes buses from general traffic lanes and enables a fast, free-flowing journey.

Our walking and cycling infrastructure

Brisbane has some outstanding walking and cycling infrastructure around the city, including innovative facilities such as the King George Square cycle centre. There are opportunities to link these facilities with new high quality walk and cycle infrastructure, encouraging active transport at the neighbourhood level.

Our road assets

Currently there is no motorway connection between the Centenary Motorway and the Bruce Highway. This forces local roads to accommodate both local and regional traffic. Completing this connection creates opportunities to return local roads to the local community and where appropriate, to prioritise corridor space for public transport and active transport on the existing network.

Building on current infrastructure programs

South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program

The South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program (SEQIPP) is the largest infrastructure program in the country. It provides the first stages of the transformation of the western Brisbane transport network. The strategy builds on currently committed projects to complete the transformation.





Prioritising transport corridor space

Corridor space as a community asset

Each transport corridor is a valuable asset that should be used for maximum community benefit.

A general purpose arterial road lane has a capacity of up to 2000 people per hour. The same lane operating as a bus lane has a capacity of up to 5000 people per hour. A busway lane can move up to 18 000 people per hour. Rail can carry up to 30 000 people per hour.

A fundamental principle of the strategy is to capitalise on opportunities to make better use of corridor space to increase the number of people who can use it, particularly during peak periods.

Providing attractive alternatives for private vehicles can free up road space in some corridors. This corridor space can be prioritised for buses and active transport. For example, the transfer of traffic to faster corridors such as Northern Link and the North West Transport Corridor could provide an opportunity to reprioritise the freed-up road space on Moggill Road-Coronation Drive and Gympie Road for bus lanes.

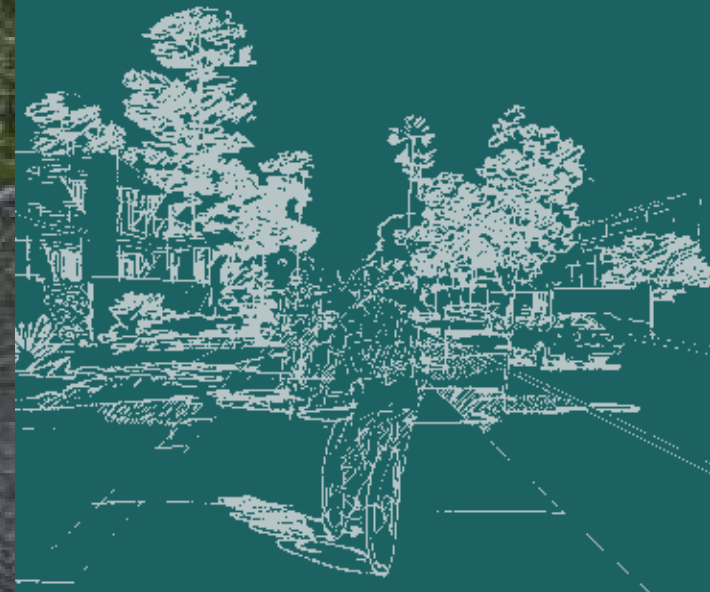
Enabling better use of walking, cycling and public transport helps manage congestion and also provides opportunities for urban regeneration.

Providing more frequent rail services will increase the number of people who can use those corridors and reduce road congestion without the need for new corridors.

Into the future

The strategy supports sustainable planning principles that will guide development in western Brisbane beyond the timeframes of the South East Queensland Regional Plan such as:

- affordable urban housing and smart design standards
- market-driven employment in the Brisbane Central Business District and surrounding areas with supporting transport
- greater use of rail and development of new activity centres and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) centres around major rail stations.





Artist's impression: urban regeneration





Community input and strategy development

Community participation has been fundamental to developing the strategy. Understanding community issues, concerns, needs and desires has influenced the development of the strategy.

Transport issues that have been considered were identified through contact with over 3000 people at staffed displays, almost 4000 recorded public submissions and comments, and active participation by two community liaison groups. The community was looking for:

- ongoing improvements to the existing transport network as well as new infrastructure
- improved access, connectivity, frequency and reliability for public transport
- a more comfortable and reliable rail network with greater carrying capacity
- public transport that is well promoted and easy to use
- transport decisions that protect the semi-rural and village lifestyles in areas outside, or on the perimeter, of the urban footprint
- planning for a future that considers population growth, changing working conditions, climate change and demand on oil supplies

Congestion

Key issues raised through community consultation were peak hour traffic congestion, overcrowding on public transport and buses being caught up in general traffic. These concerns shaped the design of the strategy.

The community also wanted the strategy to consider:

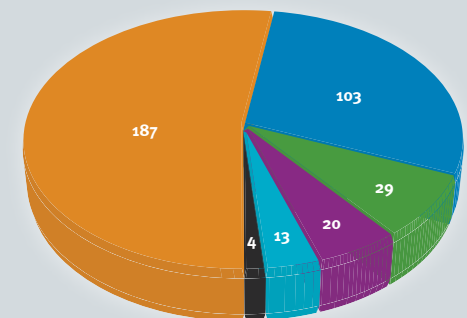
- ways to reduce trip times
- appropriate use of main and local roads
- roads linking or bypassing the city
- improvements to residential amenity
- environmental impacts.

“*The ability to move freely amongst a community is a quality of life issue. No one enjoys being stuck in traffic, increasing one’s travel time and stress. Equally no one who uses public transport appreciates having to use congested carriages or buses and having to wait for a bus or train that is not overcrowded.*”

Community comment: Survey 1, February 2008



Priority planning issues
Community survey results



187 Public Transport
103 Road Corridors
29 Active Transport
20 Other
13 Freight
4 No answer

Survey 1, February 2008



Planning for an uncertain future

The investigation recorded an increasing awareness and community concern about the role transport networks can play in responding to the challenges of rising costs, climate change and sustainability. Feedback included comments on the:

- rising costs of fuel and peak oil concerns
- effect of vehicle emissions on the environment
- environmental impact of building new transport infrastructure
- reduction of carbon footprint by choosing public and active transport options.

Reducing dependency on private vehicles and increasing the use of public transport were commonly identified solutions for mitigating the effects of climate change and peak oil.

Some members of the community also expressed their concerns about:

- uncertainty about possible land resumptions
- timing of infrastructure projects
- social impact of building new infrastructure and opening up land use
- associated property and lifestyle impacts, including vibration, noise, air quality, loss of neighbouring greenspace.

Public transport

The community consistently rated public transport as one of the top issues. The majority of comments indicated a strong demand for increased public transport in western Brisbane.

Improvements in rail station access, increased services, parking at stations and connectivity between types of transport were all identified as areas for improvement. Rail was also seen as the best form of public transport due to its reliability, comfort, greater passenger capacity and perception as the lowest polluting form of public transport.

Feedback indicated people would use public transport more if they believed it was:

- reliable and about as fast as private car travel
- safe at all hours of the day and night
- a comfortable journey, with space on board for all passengers



“ *These plans seem good and necessary. The main emphasis should be on burning less hydrocarbons, urgently. Thanking you in anticipation.* ”

Terms of Reference submission, Wishart

“ *...increasing public transport, particularly introducing or expanding transport technologies not reliant on oil, would seem the wisest option.* ”

Community comment: April 2008, St Lucia



Vision

- Transform Brisbane's suburban rail services with 'turn-up-and-go', citywide services
- A network of attractive and leading multi-purpose station centres, supporting a denser and sustainable world city
- A trusted backbone of the region's social daily activity



Rail



Brisbane has an extensive and established rail network. With a growing population and strong economy, the suburban railway will need to play a bigger role in the transport network into the future.

The transformation of rail over 20 years is the centrepiece of the strategy, delivering frequent and reliable services.

The vision is for a system similar to many above ground railways in European cities, such as Paris and Berlin, which offer high frequency 'turn-up-and-go' services to suburban populations.

The rail transformation would mean more frequent trains, and faster boarding and alighting at stations, with the potential to significantly increase the existing passenger capacity of the rail network.



Artist's impression: rail station



Principles

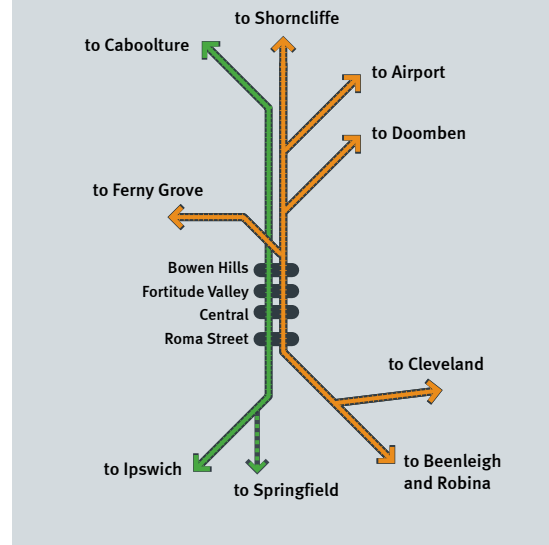
- Public transport as a foundation for sustainable urban development
- Enhanced use of existing rail infrastructure
- Rail as the backbone of the transport network
- Integrated rail, bus, walk and cycle facilities across the network
- New, state of the art trains
- Easier, more attractive transfers between car, bus and rail
- High-frequency, 'no timetable' services



The strategy builds on currently planned projects identified in the South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program (SEQIPP) and delivers a 20-year staged program of rail upgrades including:

- sectorisation – operating the rail network as two independent units provides the ability to increase frequency and reliability of services during peak periods (as pictured right). This is a key to unlocking the full potential of the rail network
- new timetables – complete sectorisation enables frequent and regularly spaced services over a two hour peak period in the morning and afternoon
- stabling upgrades – providing additional areas for train storage
- signalling upgrades – required for the operation of high frequency services
- station upgrades – multi-purpose stations provide an efficient and comfortable experience for passengers and support transit oriented development
- new carriages – train carriages designed for faster boarding and alighting, and more standing room
- level crossing upgrades – provide safety and efficiency benefits to the rail and road networks.

Complete sectorisation of lines



Phase 1

This phase starts the staged conversion of the existing rail network to a high capacity surface rail system. It includes implementing current SEQIPP projects such as the Corinda to Darra third track.

Other works could include:

- independent operation (sectorisation) of the Brisbane rail network
- timetable reviews to ensure regular, simple and consistent services and stopping patterns
- progressive upgrade of level crossings
- Park ‘n’ Ride upgrades.

Phase 2

This phase continues the transformation. The outcome would be an increase in services during peak hours, improved safety by removing level crossings and the introduction of new carriages capable of carrying more passengers. This phase includes implementing current SEQIPP projects such as the Keperra to Ferny Grove track duplication and the Darra to Springfield rail line.

Other works could include:

- new high capacity carriages
- progressive upgrade of level crossings
- station and bus-rail interchange upgrades
- signalling upgrades
- stabling upgrades.

Phase 3

Major signalling improvements and new carriages would enable rail to move up to 30 000 people per hour. This is significantly more than the existing demand. Completion of station redevelopments, bus feeder systems and level crossing upgrades complete the transformation. This phase includes implementing current SEQIPP projects such as the Darra to Redbank third track.

Other works could include:

- signalling upgrades
- new high capacity carriages
- upgrade remaining stations
- upgrade remaining level crossings
- stabling upgrades.



Benefits

The transformation of rail could deliver a number of benefits:

- allowing the rail lines to operate independently on the network to reduce conflict points and to manage incidents efficiently
- improved reliability
- longer hours of operation
- making it easier to implement regular, simple and consistent services and stopping patterns providing both express and all stations services
- introducing high capacity trains with more doorways and standing areas, minimising stopping times at stations
- operating the peak period over two hours
- introducing new signalling to allow high frequency services
- creating a peak period capacity of up to 30 000 passengers per hour
- less overcrowding, less delay, multi-purpose station experience.

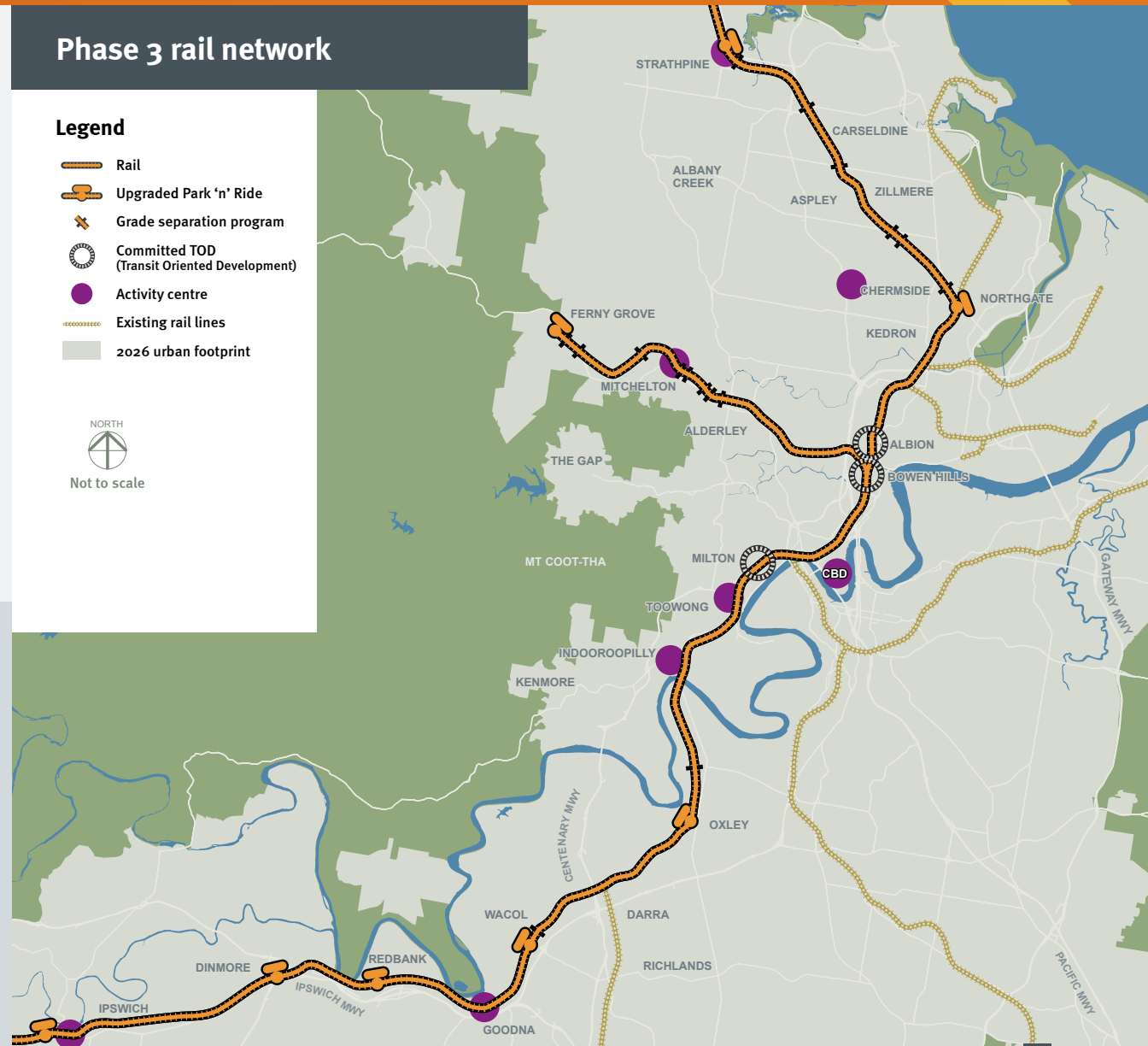
Transforming rail travel

- 'Turn-up-and-go' services
- New multi-purpose stations
- New carriages
- New signals
- Safer rail crossings
- Backbone of the transport network

Phase 3 rail network

Legend

- Rail
- Upgraded Park 'n' Ride
- Grade separation program
- Committed TOD (Transit Oriented Development)
- Activity centre
- Existing rail lines
- 2026 urban footprint



This is a strategic concept and no impacts have been determined



Vision

- Continue the transformation of Brisbane's bus system
- A bus system that provides frequent, reliable services both to the Brisbane Central Business District and major activity centres that are not serviced by the rail network
- Extending the reach of the rail network by providing frequent and reliable feeder services to priority rail stations
- A viable travel choice to reduce car dependency
- A network that promotes sustainable land use changes along key public transport corridors



Bus



Over the past 10 years, Brisbane's bus network has undergone a significant transformation. A network of bus priority measures, bus lanes and busways have been planned and built. Already, the South East Busway at Woolloongabba is carrying about 18 000 passengers per hour in the morning peak.

The vision of this strategy is for this transformation to continue in western Brisbane with a series of fit for purpose facilities that could be expanded and developed as demand for travel grows.

The strategy recognises that buses need their own right-of-way to be able to provide frequent and regular services with predictable travel times.

Rail requires support from a network of buses, together with improved bus-rail interchanges to feed the rail system and extend its reach. For areas outside the rail corridors, buses need to fill in the gaps. Real choices in frequent and reliable public transport are seen as the crucial element of the strategy to manage congestion and curb reliance on private transport.

Throughout the life of the strategy, existing bus-rail interchanges will be upgraded to improve access, convenience, comfort, safety and security for users. More rail and bus stations would be provided with quality and accessible pedestrian facilities to extend each station's walk-in catchment. Passengers' ability to change modes would be greatly improved.

Principles

- Prioritise road corridor space to maximise efficiency of public transport
- Integrated bus and rail services
- Effective interchanges to make transfers easier
- Continued enhancement of integrated ticketing and fares
- Safe, comfortable access and services
- Bus priority on selected corridors
- Busways delivering rail-like services
- Future road programs to prioritise buses
- Support bus connections to activity centres and the Brisbane Central Business District





Phase 1

Works could include:

- An extension of the Northern Busway which is being constructed to Kedron by 2012. Ultimately, it is envisaged that this busway could extend to Bracken Ridge. In the first phase, additional bus lanes could be constructed from the busway at Kedron and within the Gympie Road corridor to Chermside. Where feasible, bus priority measures could be provided at intersections
- The construction of Northern Link and the resolution of the Moggill Road congestion at Kenmore, currently under investigation by the Department of Transport and Main Roads, could provide an opportunity to commence the staged construction of the Western Bus Corridor between the Brisbane Central Business District and Kenmore along the Coronation Drive and Moggill Road corridors
- With the upgrade of Stafford Road for transit lanes, bus services could be provided linking the north western suburbs and Ferny Grove rail line at Mitchelton and Alderley stations with the Australia TradeCoast (Port of Brisbane and Brisbane Airport). This would extend the reach of the public transport system without having to travel through the Brisbane Central Business District
- Transit lanes could be provided along the Centenary Motorway between Darra and Indooroopilly as currently planned.

Phase 2

Works could include:

- the completion of the Western Bus Corridor with bus lanes between Kenmore and the Brisbane Central Business District
- the extension of bus lanes along Gympie Road to Aspley. These could be progressively upgraded towards busway-standard in conjunction with the construction of the North West Motorway that would significantly reduce traffic volumes on Gympie Road
- bus lanes along the Kelvin Grove Road-Enoggera Road corridor
- bus lanes along the Musgrave Road-Waterworks Road corridor
- bus priority on the North West Motorway with a bus only link to the bus lanes on the Kelvin Grove Road-Enoggera Road corridor
- Bus Transport Improvement Program.

Phase 3

Works could include:

- the progressive conversion of the Gympie Road bus lanes to a busway as demand on the system grows.
- Bus Transport Improvement Program.

Bus priority on selected corridors

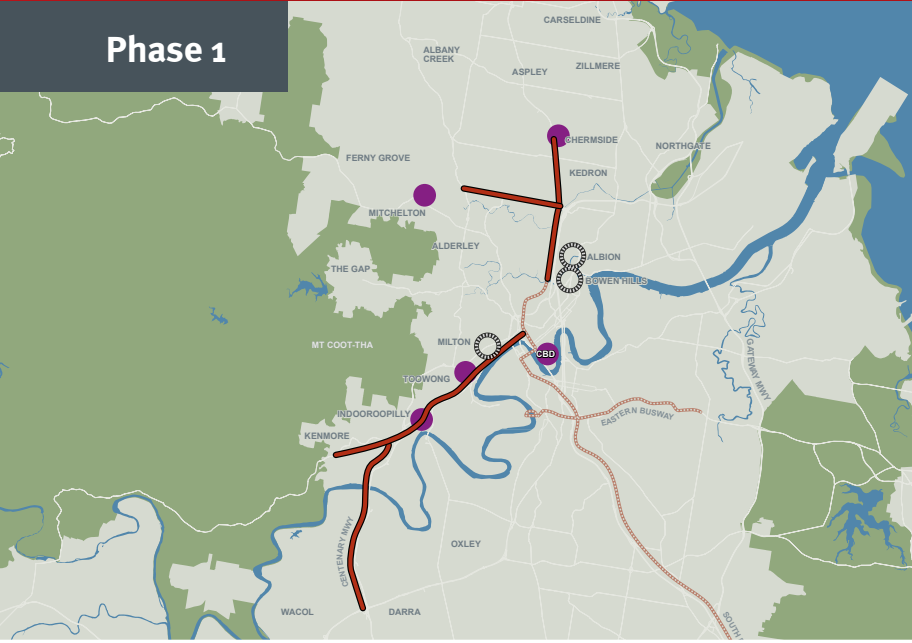
Bus priority on selected corridors would provide direct services to the Brisbane Central Business District and activity centres in corridors that are not serviced by rail. It would support high capacity rail corridors via bus feeder services.

The Northern Busway extension (Kedron to Aspley) would enable land use integration and urban revitalisation.

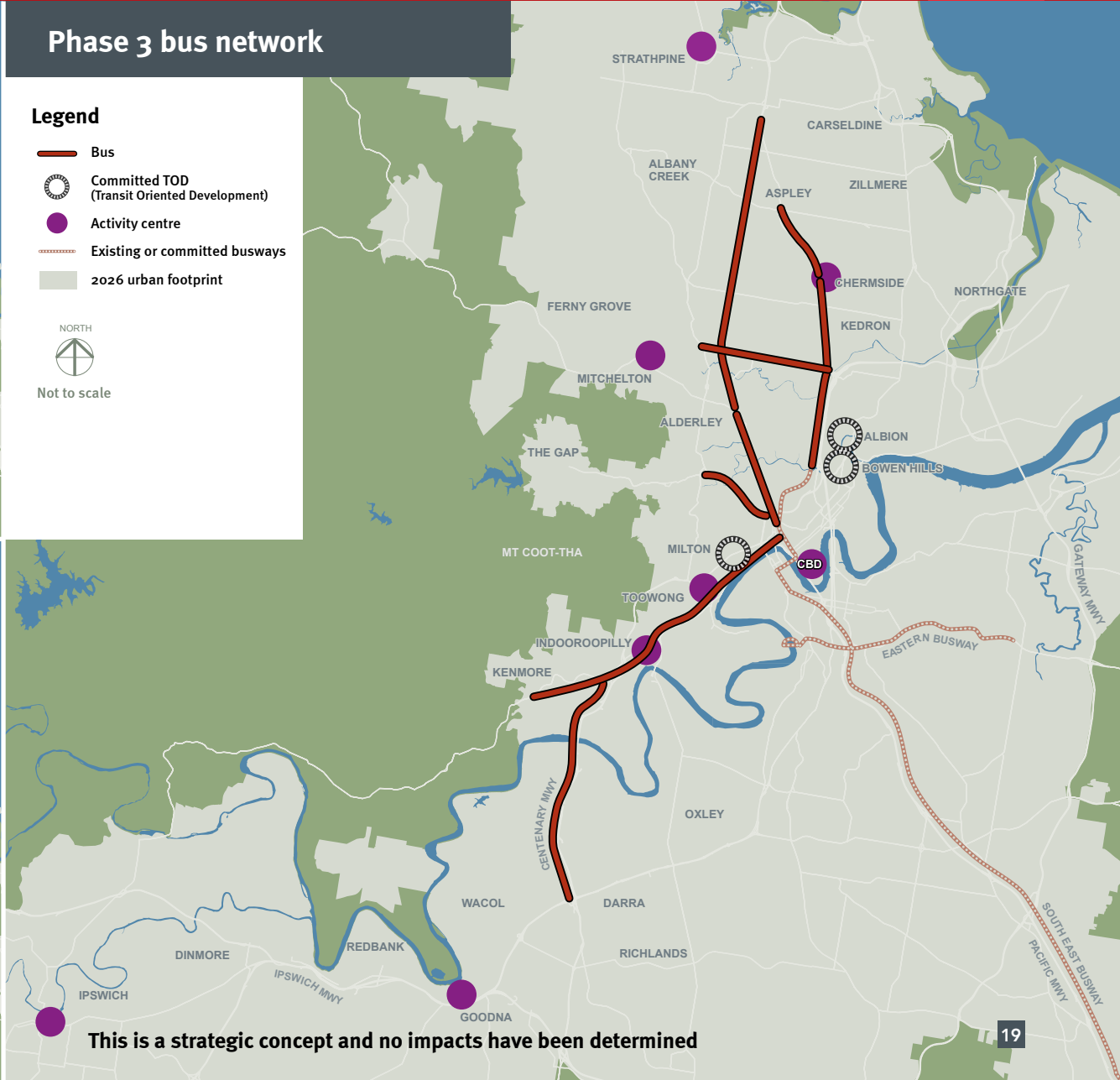
Transforming bus travel

- Priority for buses
- Frequent and reliable services
- Integration with rail
- Extending the reach of rail
- Filling in the gaps

Phase 1



Phase 3 bus network



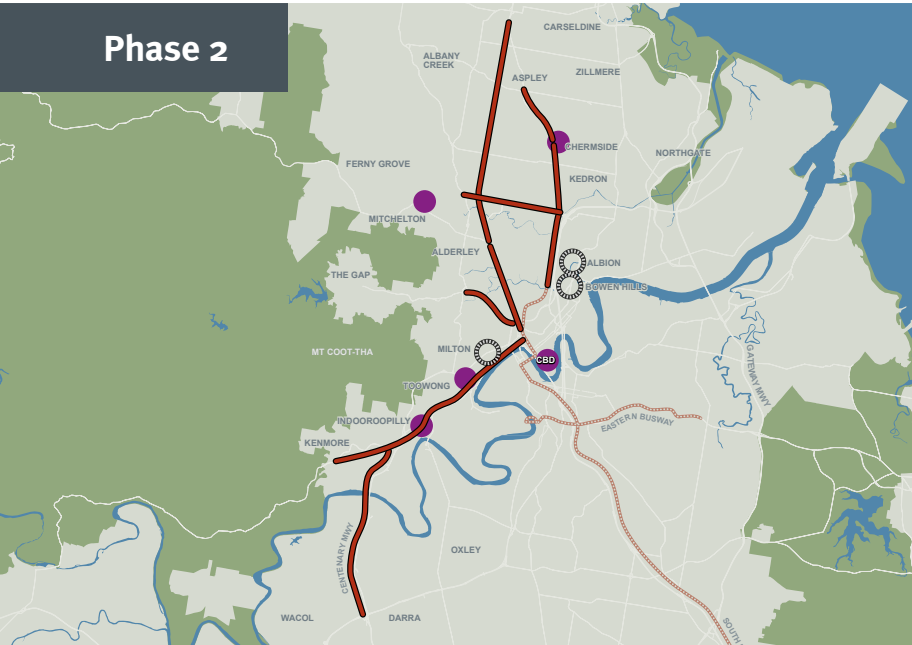
Legend

- Bus
- Committed TOD (Transit Oriented Development)
- Activity centre
- Existing or committed busways
- 2026 urban footprint

NORTH

Not to scale

Phase 2



This is a strategic concept and no impacts have been determined



Vision

- Reduced car dependency
- A healthier community
- Network of linked, high quality walk and cycle infrastructure



Artist's impression: veloway

Active transport



Walking and cycling

For western Brisbane, walking and cycling can be viable options to increase travel choices and access to public transport.

Walking and cycling have the potential to replace car use, especially for local and school trips. Active transport also contributes to the reduction of congestion, air pollution and greenhouse emissions, and contributes to positive community, health and personal wellbeing outcomes.

The introduction of a network of innovative, world class walk and cycle infrastructure and facilities would encourage significant changes in travel behaviours.

The strategy vision is for a continuous network of high standard, easy to follow walking and cycling routes in major corridors.

- Veloways are wide and high quality cycleways, providing a network of safe, dedicated and direct routes between key locations. Their design would encourage a wider sector of the community to use active transport for commuting, travelling to school and recreation.
- River Links increase the number of locations to cross the Brisbane River. They improve access between neighbourhoods and to public transport for pedestrians and cyclists encouraging even more people to walk and cycle.

In addition, all road and public transport corridor upgrades incorporate walk and cycle facilities.



Principles

- A network of safe, easy to follow and accessible commuter cycle and pedestrian routes
- Direct connections to public transport networks
- Provide safe opportunities to reduce individual carbon footprint
- Active street fronts creating a sense of place and encouraging activity
- Walking and cycling facilities in neighbourhoods to support local trips
- Facilities and initiatives to promote walking and cycling to school
- An integral component of every public transport and road project
- Plan and encourage urban design and new developments to follow active transport guidelines

More walking and cycling

Walking and cycling account for less than 11 per cent of the total trips made on the network.

The strategy aims to significantly increase walking and cycling.

Artist's impression: School Safety Zone



Artist's impression: River Link at night





Changing travel behaviour and reducing the carbon footprint

The strategy identifies innovative measures and strategic actions required to increase walking and cycling, influence travel behaviour and allow people to reduce their carbon footprint. These are:

- Active neighbourhoods comprising high quality, user-friendly pedestrian and cycle infrastructure and facilities to support local, utility and recreational trips
- School safety improvements comprising engineering, enforcement and awareness-raising measures, such as road narrowing, electronic signage and traffic calming, to encourage children to walk and cycle to school
- Programs that connect and integrate public and active transport, such as pedestrian and cycle routes to connect to rail and bus stations. These stations could also include cycle facilities.

Transforming active transport

- New cycleways and walkways
- Innovative corridor planning
- New river crossings
- Neighbourhood access
- Healthier choices

Phase 1

This phase includes a number of strategic cycle programs to transform Brisbane's western suburbs, including implementing current SEQIPP projects such as the Western Corridor sub-regional cycle network.

Other works could include:

- Veloways
 - Stafford Road Veloway
 - Northern Veloway (Kedron to Brisbane Central Business District)
 - staged Western Veloway (Kenmore to Brisbane Central Business District)
- Active neighbourhoods, school safety improvements and programs to integrate public and active transport could be progressively implemented.

Phase 2

This phase continues the transformation of Brisbane's western suburbs.

Works could include:

- Veloways
 - complete the Western Veloway
 - Gap Access Veloway (Ashgrove to Brisbane Central Business District)
 - staged North Western Veloway (Carseldine to Kelvin Grove)
 - extension of Northern Veloway to Aspley
- pedestrian and cycle bridge
 - Uni River Link (St Lucia to West End)
- Active neighbourhoods, school safety improvements and programs to integrate public and active transport could be progressively implemented.

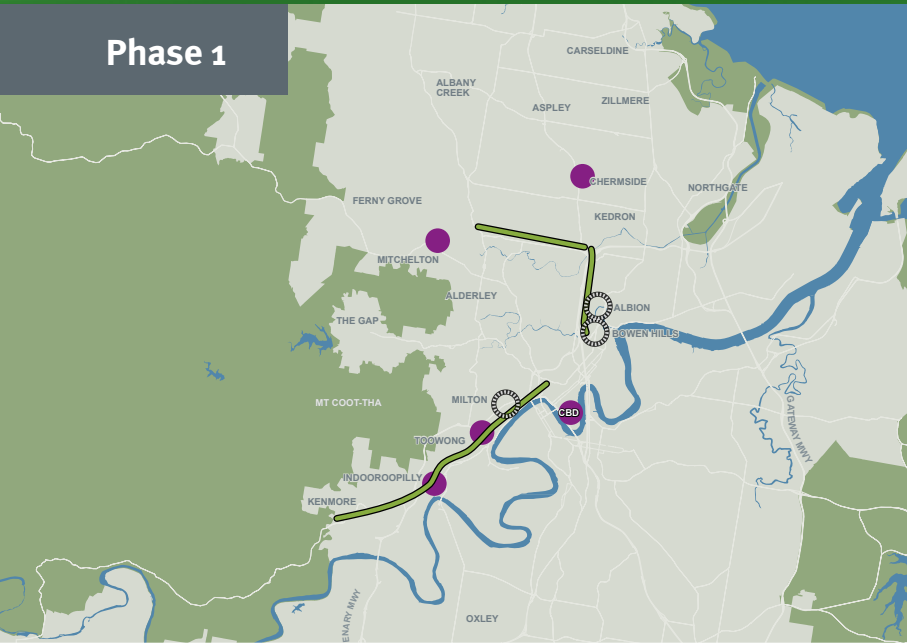
Phase 3

Works could include:

- Veloways
 - complete the Northern Veloway
 - Western Ring Veloway (Toowong to Everton Park)
 - Albert Street Garden Axis Veloway
 - Uni Link Veloway (Indooroopilly to Dutton Park)
- Active neighbourhoods, school safety improvements and programs to integrate public and active transport could be progressively implemented.



Phase 1



Phase 2



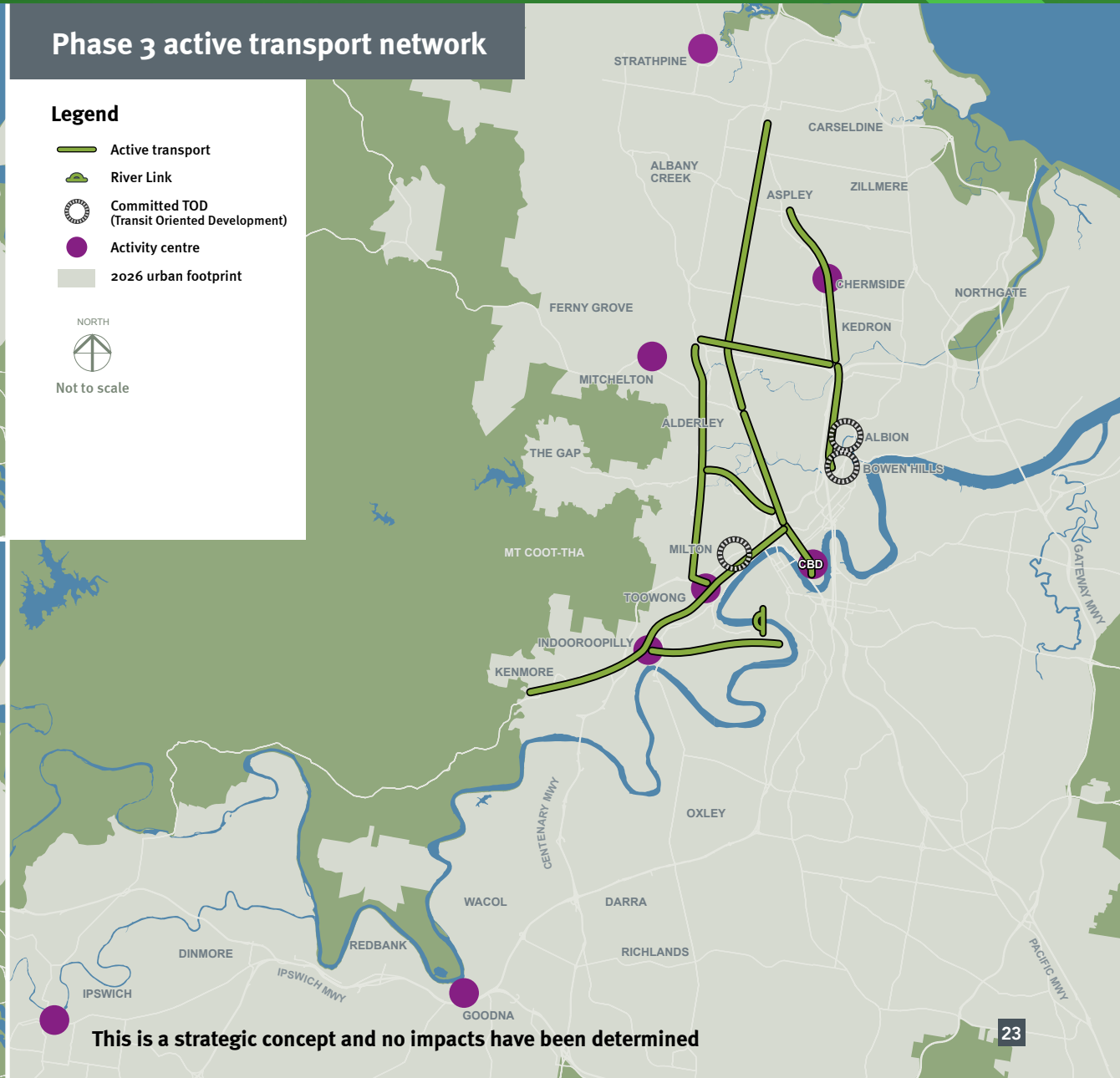
Phase 3 active transport network

Legend

- Active transport
- River Link
- Committed TOD (Transit Oriented Development)
- Activity centre
- 2026 urban footprint



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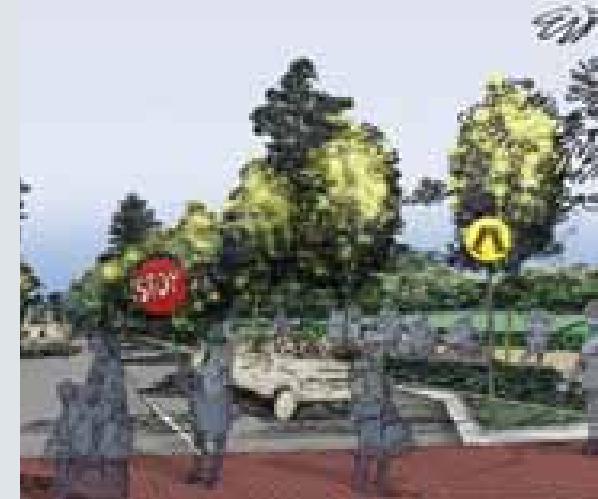
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Vision

- Provide for longer distance trips west of Brisbane Central Business District
- Free up local streets for walking, cycling and public transport
- Promote economic development

Artist's impression: road near school



Road and freight



Completing the network

Road corridors connect communities and provide travel flexibility by catering for cars, buses, pedestrians and cyclists. They are vital for economic growth and essential for effective freight movement and goods distribution.

At present, there is a major gap in the motorway network in western Brisbane between the Centenary Motorway and the Bruce Highway for north-south movements. Through traffic is forced to share roads with local traffic, adding to congestion and travel times. The strategy builds on currently planned projects to complete the motorway network and cater for the demands of private, commercial and bus transport.

Completing the road network structure in western Brisbane including local road improvements, would improve accessibility, reduce travel times and make local and regional trips easier over all periods of the day.



No Western Bypass

Technical investigations showed a western bypass would not attract enough traffic from the existing network to relieve congestion in western Brisbane or deliver value for money. A western bypass would also promote development outside the urban footprint set in the South East Queensland Regional Plan, impacting on the semi-rural and village lifestyles in these areas.

The North South Motorway is a key component of the strategy that provides for long distance trips. Unlike a western bypass, the North South Motorway is also forecast to significantly reduce traffic on other roads in western Brisbane, providing opportunities for public and active transport.



North South Motorway

The North South Motorway is a motorway connecting the Ipswich Motorway at Darra to the Bruce Highway. The North South Motorway could provide flexibility and an alternative route for long distance trips west of Brisbane Central Business District, including freight.

It is made up of three sections:

■ Centenary Motorway (Ipswich Motorway to Toowong)

The upgraded Centenary Motorway is the southern section of the North South Motorway.

In conjunction with Northern Link and Airport Link, it also forms a motorway connection from the west to the Gateway Motorway and key growth areas such as the Australia TradeCoast (Port of Brisbane and Brisbane Airport).

■ Inner Orbital (Toowong to Everton Park)

The Inner Orbital, a tunnel from Toowong to Everton Park, is the middle section of the North South Motorway. It could promote the revitalisation of suburbs such as Bardon by reducing traffic on local roads and provide opportunities for public transport, walking and cycling.

■ North West Motorway (North West Transport Corridor)

The northern section of the North South Motorway utilises the existing, preserved transport corridor between Everton Park and Carseldine.

Together with east-west improvements along the Stafford Road corridor, it would provide an alternative to the Gateway Motorway and improve access to the Australia TradeCoast (Port of Brisbane and Brisbane Airport). By reducing traffic volumes on Gympie Road, it would allow the progressive upgrade of bus lanes to busway-standard within the existing corridor.

Principles

- Establish and maintain an effective road network hierarchy
- Connect western Brisbane to regional centres
- Manage congestion on the arterial and motorway network
- Deliver a more efficient road network
- Promote reliable goods distribution
- Provide opportunities to give priority to buses and active transport
- Make better use of existing corridors
- Protect the natural environment and minimise adverse effects on communities



Freight

Most freight movement on the existing western Brisbane network is local distribution to major commercial centres, shops and warehouses. This function cannot be provided by the rail network.

The existing primary road freight route, comprising the Ipswich, Logan and Gateway Motorways, will continue to cater for the majority of Brisbane's road freight task.

The proposed North South Motorway could be a secondary freight route west of the Brisbane Central Business District for local movement and provide an alternative freight route at times of incident on the existing primary freight route.

The western rail line through Ipswich will continue to serve the Port of Brisbane. The expected growth in rail freight can continue to be moved outside of peak periods.

Phase 1

This phase builds on currently planned SEQIPP projects, such as Airport Link and the TransApex Northern Link tunnel, to provide a motorway link from the Ipswich Motorway to the Gateway Motorway. Other works could include the Road Corridor Improvement Program.

The new motorway link from the Ipswich Motorway to the Gateway Motorway improves access to the Australia TradeCoast (Port of Brisbane and Brisbane Airport) and creates a more robust network, with alternative freight routes and better traffic distribution.

Further, Northern Link would free up congestion on the Centenary Motorway and create an opportunity along Coronation Drive for bus priority measures.

Phase 2

Works could include:

- North West Motorway
- Inner Orbital motorway in tunnel
- Centenary Motorway upgrade (staged)
- Road Corridor Improvement Program.

This completes a motorway link west of the Brisbane Central Business District, reducing traffic on Gympie Road so that the bus lanes on Gympie Road could be progressively upgraded to busway-standard within the road reserve.

Phase 3

Works could include:

- Stafford Road motorway in tunnel
- Centenary Motorway upgrade (staged)
- Road Corridor Improvement Program.

Preserved corridors

Three existing, preserved transport corridors were investigated: the North West Transport Corridor, the Moggill Pocket Sub-Arterial and the Samford Valley Sub-Arterial.

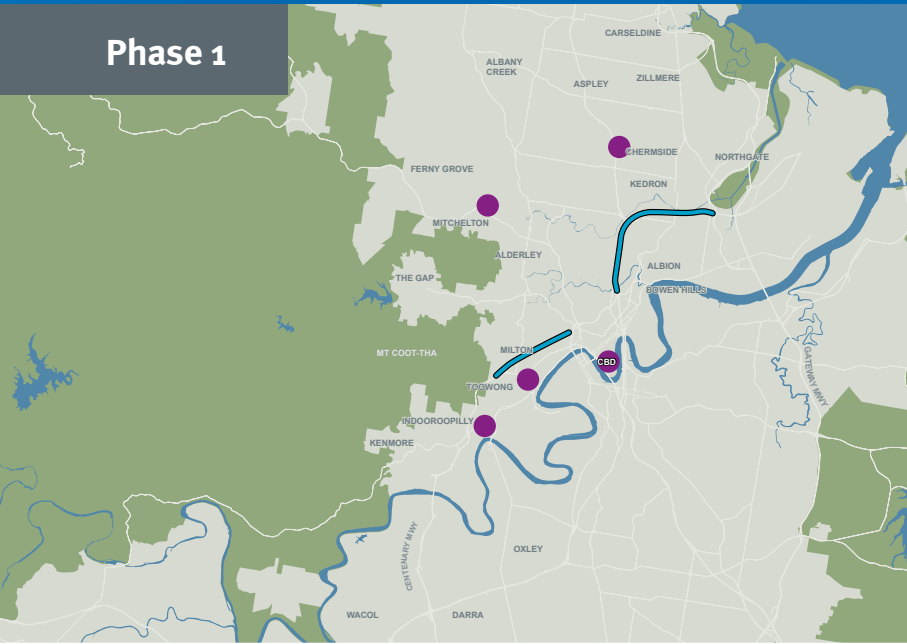
The North West Transport Corridor is a key part of the strategy. The Moggill Pocket Sub-Arterial is an important corridor that may be required in the future. The Samford Valley Sub-Arterial may provide improved access to the rail network if land use changes occur in the Samford Valley. All three corridors will continue to be preserved.

Transforming road and freight

- Use of preserved corridors
- North South Motorway
- Prioritise public transport
- Manage congestion
- Secondary freight routes



Phase 1



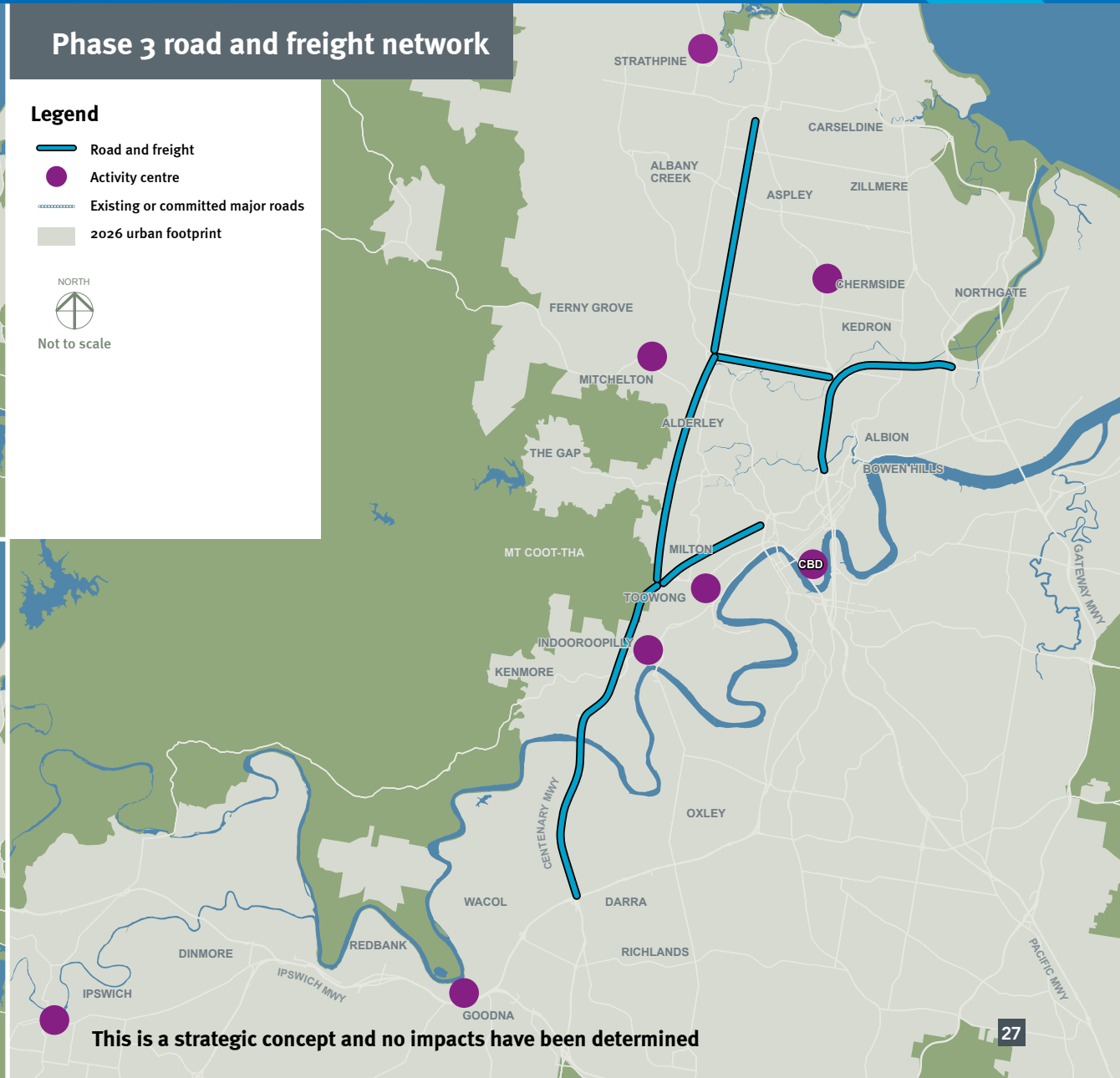
Phase 3 road and freight network

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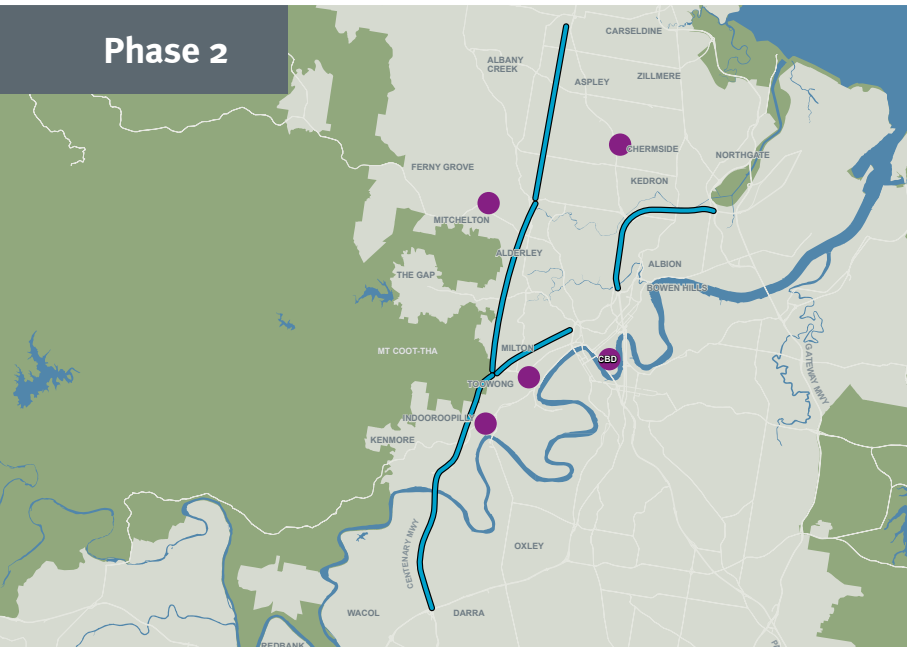
- Road and freight
- Activity centre
- Existing or committed major roads
- 2026 urban footprint



Not to scale



Phase 2



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Implementation

The following program has been developed to give early gains by building on already committed projects, for example Airport Link and the Northern Busway. It also looks to undertake some high benefit but relatively low cost initiatives, such as timetables changes.

The implementation program aims to integrate the proposed projects to give the best possible value for money outcome that can be built on over time and is responsive to demand and funding availability.

It is difficult to predict the future, but this program with its emphasis on the transformation of the public transport network is well placed to face the challenges that are already apparent. This public transport focus is about making Brisbane a more sustainable and liveable city.

For ease of use, the program has been divided into two geographical areas or building blocks, broadly north and south of the Brisbane Central Business District. Overlying both of these is the rail program.

In order to achieve the integrated outcomes of the strategy it will sometimes be necessary to group projects together.





Rail

- Implement current projects
 - Corinda to Darra third track
- Full sectorisation and new timetables
- Start level crossing upgrades
- Park 'n' Ride upgrades

Outcomes

- More rail services at greater frequencies
- Greater capacity
- Greater reliability
- Support land use and provide opportunities for sustainable development

North

- Implement current projects
 - Airport Link, Northern Busway to Kedron
- Airport Link provides an opportunity to deliver the first stage of the Northern Veloway (Kedron to Brisbane Central Business District)
- Designated bus lanes along Gympie Road as an early opportunity for bus priority
- Upgrade of Stafford Road for transit lanes provides an opportunity for the Stafford Road Veloway
- Implement Road Corridor Improvement Program
- Implement walking and cycling programs

Outcomes

- A high quality bus service between Chermerside and the Brisbane Central Business District
- A high quality east-west bus service to the Australia TradeCoast
- High quality pedestrian and cycle access from the north-west to the Brisbane Central Business District and Australia TradeCoast

South

- Implement current projects
 - Centenary Motorway transit lanes
- Northern Link and road improvements through Kenmore will provide an opportunity to progressively implement bus lanes together with the Western Veloway along Moggill Road and Coronation Drive
- Implement Road Corridor Improvement Program
- Implement walking and cycling programs

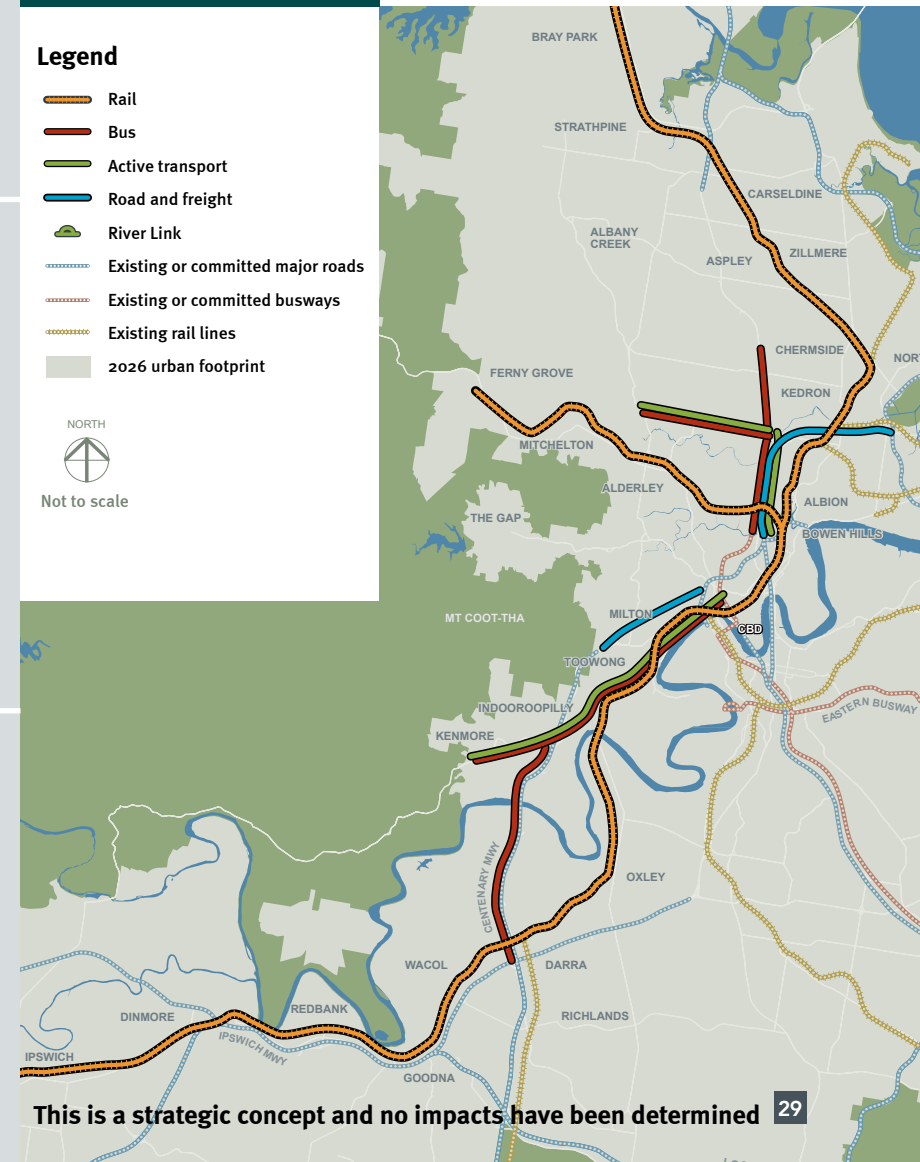
Outcomes

- Improved bus service between Kenmore, Mount Ommaney and the Brisbane Central Business District
- High quality pedestrian and cycle access from the west to the Brisbane Central Business District
- A motorway link between the west and the Gateway Motorway and Australia TradeCoast

Phase 1

Legend

- Rail
- Bus
- Active transport
- Road and freight
- River Link
- Existing or committed major roads
- Existing or committed busways
- Existing rail lines
- 2026 urban footprint

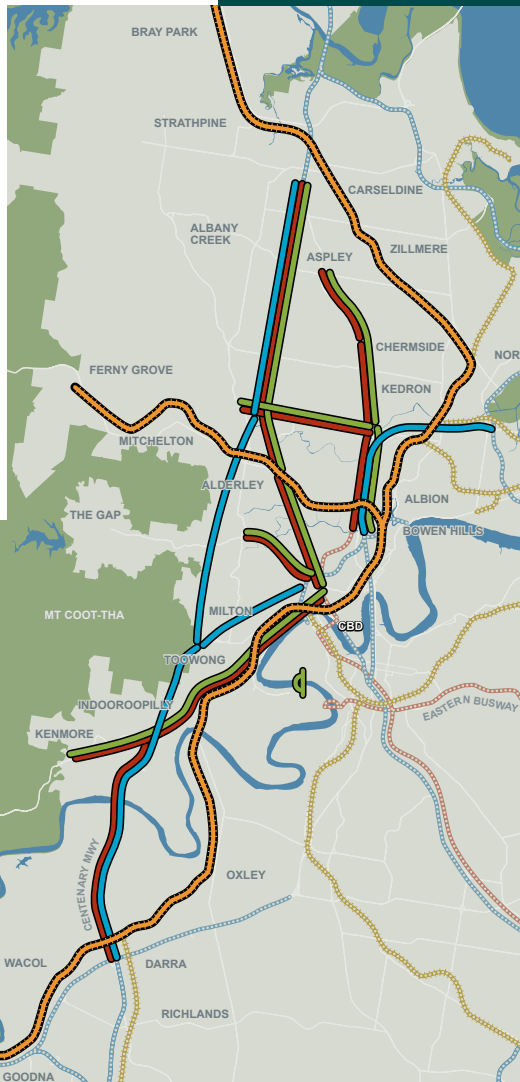




Phase 2

Legend

- Rail
- Bus
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- Existing rail lines
- 2026 urban footprint



Rail

- Implement current projects
 - Keperra to Ferny Grove track duplication
 - Darra to Springfield rail line
- New high capacity carriages
- Station and interchange upgrades
- Signalling upgrades
- Continue level crossing upgrades
- Stabling upgrades

Outcomes

- Increased peak period services
- Higher capacity carriages with shorter stopping times at stations
- Fewer level crossings improving safety and reliability
- More efficient and comfortable multi-purpose stations

North

- Inner Orbital tunnel (Toowong to Everton Park)
- North West Motorway (North West Transport Corridor) provides opportunity for
 - bus priority
 - North Western Veloway to Carseldine
 - staged upgrade of Gympie Road to busway-standard together with the Northern Veloway
- Kelvin Grove Road-Enoggera Road bus lanes providing opportunity for North Western Veloway (Everton Park to Kelvin Grove)
- Musgrave Road-Waterworks Road bus lanes providing opportunity for Gap Access Veloway (Ashgrove to Brisbane Central Business District)
- Implement Road Corridor Improvement and Bus Transport Improvement Programs
- Implement walking and cycling programs

Outcomes

- Completion of the North South Motorway, a high quality north-south motorway link to the west of the Brisbane Central Business District
- Reduced traffic on arterial roads and local roads allowing for bus priority, walking and cycling
- High quality bus services between Everton Park and The Gap and the Brisbane Central Business District

South

- Centenary Motorway upgrade (staged)
- Complete the Western Bus Corridor including the Western Veloway
- Uni River Link (bridge from St Lucia to West End)
- Implement Road Corridor Improvement and Bus Transport Improvement Programs
- Implement walking and cycling programs

Outcomes

- Completion of the Western Bus Corridor, a high quality bus link between Kenmore, Mount Ommaney and the Brisbane Central Business District and Inner Northern Busway
- High quality pedestrian and cycle links and river crossing



Rail

- Implement current projects
 - Darra to Redbank third track
- New high capacity carriages
- Station and interchange upgrades
- Signalling upgrades
- Continue level crossing upgrades
- Stabling upgrades

Outcomes

- Rail transformation fully operational
- 'Turn-up-and-go' service
- Significant increase in the number of people who travel by rail

North

- Complete Northern Busway and Veloway
- Stafford Road tunnel
- Veloways
 - Western Ring Veloway (Toowong to Everton Park) in conjunction with the Inner Orbital
 - Albert Street Garden Axis Veloway
- Implement Road Corridor Improvement and Bus Transport Improvement Programs
- Implement walking and cycling programs

Outcomes

- Motorway between the west and Australia TradeCoast
- A high standard busway between Aspley and the Brisbane Central Business District within the Gympie Road corridor
- High quality pedestrian and cycle links

South

- Centenary Motorway upgrade (staged)
- Veloways
 - Uni Link Veloway (Indooroopilly to Dutton Park)
- Implement Road Corridor Improvement and Bus Transport Improvement Programs
- Implement walking and cycling programs

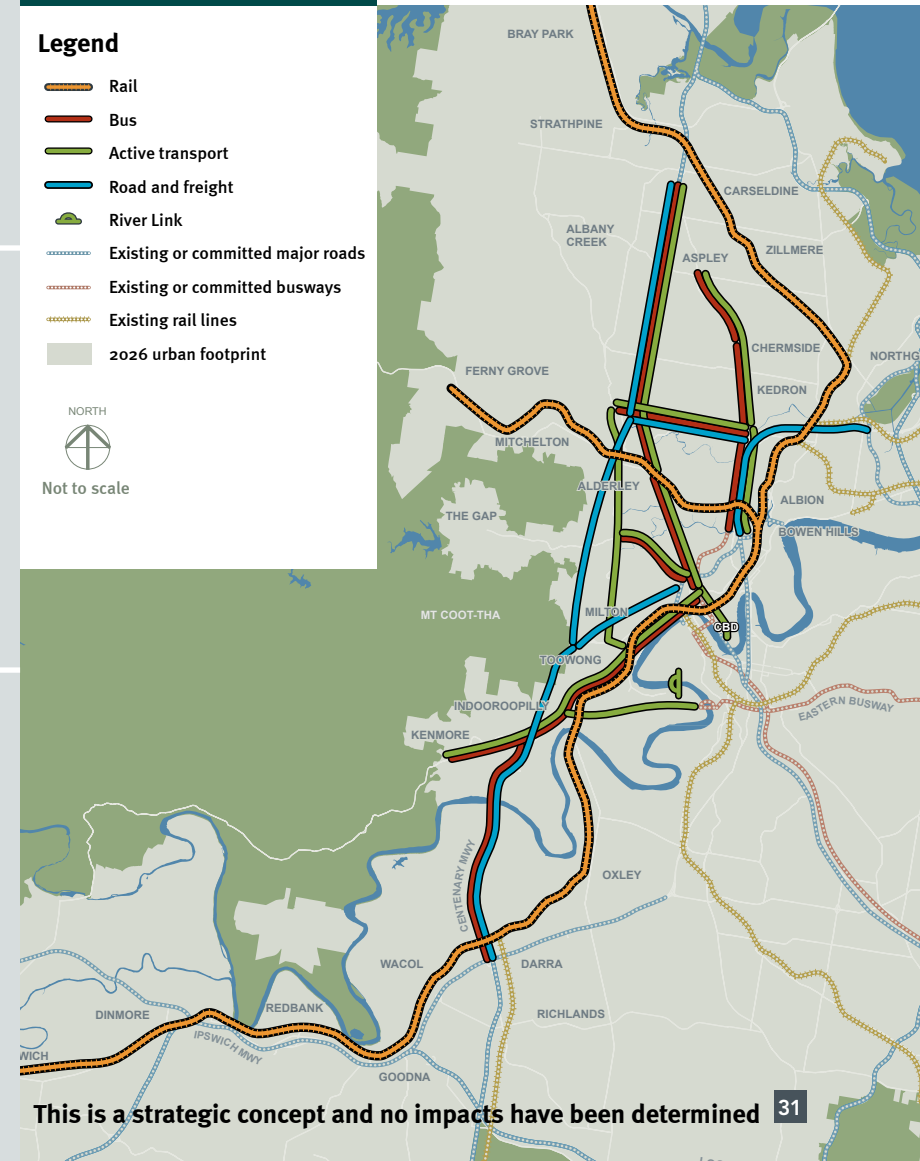
Outcomes

- Complete high-order motorway network in western Brisbane
- High quality pedestrian and cycle links

Phase 3

Legend

- Rail
- Bus
- Active transport
- Road and freight
- River Link
- Existing or committed major roads
- Existing or committed busways
- Existing rail lines
- 2026 urban footprint





Benefits of the strategy

Making better use of existing assets

This strategy commits to making better use of existing rail and road assets and preserved corridors before investing in expensive network expansion.

Effective and efficient corridors

The development of an effective transport network enables road corridor space to be used for efficient public transport priority and community outcomes.

Improving accessibility

Investing in a balanced public transport and road network improves accessibility to and from western Brisbane. It also improves accessibility to the Brisbane Central Business District, the Australia TradeCoast (Port of Brisbane and Brisbane Airport) and activity centres.

Supporting a denser and more sustainable city

Projects with strong synergies and opportunities to benefit redevelopment and urban regeneration would be packaged in major corridors such as the North West Transport Corridor and Gympie Road.

Flexibility for managing uncertainty

The strategy creates a flexible network that manages future uncertainties. For example, the transformation of public transport would provide for strong growth in the Western Corridor as well as employment growth in the Brisbane Central Business District. It would also respond to rising transport costs by providing sufficient capacity to cater for a major shift to public transport.



Protecting the environment

The strategy would assist in meeting the climate change challenge. It would also support the Regional Plan in protecting the non-urban areas of South East Queensland from inappropriate development.

Higher urban densities and mixed land use would result in shorter average trip lengths and more sustainable outcomes. This is in contrast to the pattern of low density residential developments that currently dominate growth areas.

Managing congestion

This strategy would assist in managing road congestion and reducing public transport travel times and overcrowding.

