

Question on Notice

No. 1395

Asked on Tuesday 17 September 2019

MR M BERKMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Western Brisbane Transport Network Strategy which included bus lanes from the CBD to Kenmore and across the Centenary Bridge, plus a number of other important cycling and public transport projects like green bridges and the indication by the Director-General during Estimates this year that there will be no bus lanes on the new bridge—

Will the Minister advise if it is still the government's plan to: (a) provide bus lanes from the CBD to Kenmore and (b) pursue each of the projects outlined in the Western Brisbane Transport Network Strategy?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maiwar for the question.

With reference to providing bus lanes from the CBD to Kenmore, the member should be assured that the draft South East Queensland Regional Transport Plans include Kenmore to Brisbane bus priority planning.

One of the four key components of the Western Brisbane Transport Network Strategy (WBTNS) is bus priority, supporting priority for buses, frequent and reliable services and integration with rail. The Department of Transport and Main Roads will undertake investigations to improve public transport access along the Moggill Road corridor, including through Kenmore. The opening of Legacy Way has allowed the rerouting of several bus services to take advantage of faster travel times, including the provision of a bus only off-ramp at the Victoria Park Exit of the Inner City Bypass.

Several projects outlined in the 2009 WBTNS have already been delivered, while other projects are programmed to be delivered, or are undergoing further planning.

Some of the projects already delivered under the WBTNS include:

- Legacy Way
- Airport Link
- Centenary Motorway upgrade to six lanes (Toowong to Indooroopilly)
- North Brisbane Bikeway – stage 1
- Northern Busway extension to Kedron
- Musgrave and Waterworks roads high-occupancy vehicle lanes
- Moggill Road cycle bridge
- park 'n' ride upgrades
- rail network improvements and release of new timetables, including 'turn-up-and-go' services for inner urban stations

- removal of open level crossings at Telegraph Road, Fitzgibbon and Robinson Road, Geebung
- track duplication from Mitchelton to Ferny Grove
- upgrades to several rail stations
- roll-out of new generation rollingstock trains.

Some of the projects that are being delivered or in planning include:

- Cross River Rail
- European Train Control System roll-out
- Northern Transitway
- North Brisbane Bikeway – stages 2 to 4
- Centenary Motorway upgrades including Sumners Road Interchange upgrade and Centenary Bridge upgrade
- Beams Road level crossing at Carseldine pre-investment level crossing removal planning.

WBTNS demonstrates the value of comprehensive transport planning through the benefits it has delivered to the northern and western communities of Brisbane.

The study informed the development of *Connecting SEQ 2031*, the integrated regional transport plan released in 2011, *ShapingSEQ* and the current regional plan which identifies important transport infrastructure initiatives for north-western Brisbane. The strategy also informed the draft South East Queensland Regional Transport Plans which provide a blueprint for Queensland's future transport system at the local level, guiding state and local government planning priorities over the next 15 years.