



Northern Transitway

Gympie Road, Kedron to Chermside

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Overview

The Northern Transitway is a cost-effective solution to provide a high quality public transport corridor along Gympie Road, from Sadlier Street, Kedron to Hamilton Road, Chermside.

It will deliver targeted bus priority from Kedron to Chermside, improving the safety and capacity of this important link in Brisbane's northern public transport network.

The 2.3km corridor will support high frequency on-road bus services and enable reliable travel times, encouraging more people to use public transport and assist in managing congestion.

The Queensland Government is investing \$53 million to deliver this critical infrastructure to achieve a connected, integrated network that offers value to customers and makes public transport an attractive option for everyone.

Benefits

The Northern Transitway will provide a number of benefits to the community, including:

- a safer and more efficient public transport system for North Brisbane customers.
- improved and more reliable travel times along the corridor for bus customers
- a facility to support high frequency bus services, encouraging more people to use public transport
- improvements to footpaths along the alignment.

Timeline



Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

I live on a side street to Gympie Road - will there be changes to local street access?

- To improve the safety of all road users, all non-signalised intersections along Gympie Road will be converted to left-in and left-out only.
- The proposed design includes works to the central median to close the non-signalised right-turn movements.
- Motorists will still be able to turn left into and out of existing local streets and driveways, when it is safe to do so.

I've heard about plans for the Northern Busway - is this the same project?

- Busways are generally grade-separated (ie. a tunnel or an overpass), with limited access points, and designed to be mass transit transport corridors.
- The ultimate Northern Busway between Kedron and Bracken Ridge is the long term plan, with any stages subject to funding and government priority.

How is the project catering for vulnerable roads users?

- Improvements will be made to the existing pathways on both sides of Gympie Road along the corridor. They will generally be upgraded to be 2.5m wide.
- Accessibility and safety improvements will be made along the corridor, including upgrades to kerb ramps.
- Improvements will be made to bus stops to ensure accessible infrastructure is in line with the Disability Discrimination Act (1992) for all public transport users.

When will the project be constructed? And how will we be impacted by construction?

- Construction is expected to commence in early 2020.
- To minimise disruptions to road users, surrounding businesses and to ensure safety for workers, most of the proposed construction activities will be undertaken at night when traffic volumes are lower and lane closures can be safely implemented.

We want to hear your feedback!



The Department of Transport and Main Roads is committed to working closely with the community throughout the project.

To provide your feedback, or for more information about this project, contact the project team via:

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Website: www.tmr.qld.gov.au/northerntransitway

For community information session details please see overleaf.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is a transitway? - is it for buses only?

- A transitway is a cost-effective on-road bus priority measure that enables further development of efficient bus services.
- Yes, a transitway is a lane dedicated for priority bus use. Queensland road rules stipulate you can use a bus lane:
 - at any time if you are operating a bicycle, bus, taxi, limousine, or an emergency vehicle.
 - to travel up to 100m to enter or leave the road.
- Bus lanes are clearly marked using signage and line marking. There is no physical barrier between the bus lane and general traffic.
- For more information regarding operation and signage of bus lanes visit: www.qld.gov.au and search 'special purpose lanes'

Are you widening Gympie Road to deliver the Northern Transitway project?

- No. The proposed design remains within the existing Gympie Road corridor and avoids impacts to surrounding properties.
- To accommodate the bus lanes and prioritise public transport within the existing road corridor, the proposed design uses existing road shoulder, parking areas and median areas on Gympie Road.

When will the bus lanes operate?

- There are currently more than 9,000 bus customers travelling on the corridor on an average weekday.
- To maximise the benefits for bus customers and operations the proposed transitway design is for the bus lanes to operate 24 hours, 7 days a week.
- This allows for consistent road operations and reduces confusion for all road users.
- However, we do want to hear from the community and we are seeking your feedback as part of the consultation process.

Will there be any changes to the bus stops along the transitway?

- The project is not proposing to install any new bus stops.
- The existing bus stops along the transitway will be rationalised to further improve bus travel times and support high frequency bus services along the project corridor.
- More bus services will stop at all the bus stops along the transitway corridor – making high frequency bus services more accessible to the local community.

Will there be buses to catch?

- There are currently more than 700 bus services travelling through the corridor on an average weekday.
- More bus services will stop at all the bus stops along the transitway corridor – making high frequency bus services more accessible to the local community.
- The transitway features a dedicated bus lane, providing an opportunity to further increase bus services in the future as demand increases.
- TransLink will continue to monitor bus operations along the transitway and may adjust service levels if necessary

Gympie Road is already congested - how will this impact general road users?

- The current number of general purpose lanes will remain the same.
- Improvements to bus travel times and reliability will encourage more people to use public transport and assist in managing congestion.

Are there any impacts to on-street parking along Gympie Road as part of the transitway?

- Yes, the existing kerbside parking along the corridor will be impacted.
- To accommodate the bus lanes within the existing road corridor the proposed design uses the existing road shoulder, parking areas and median areas on Gympie Road.
- Our initial consultation included liaising with businesses and stakeholders to understand their access requirements along this corridor.

