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**CALL FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN LOGAN CITY TRANSPORT
PLANNING STUDY**

Community members can help shape the future of road transport in Logan thanks to a new reference group being established by Transport and Main Roads and Logan City Council.

State Member for Logan John Mickel and Logan City Council Mayor Pam Parker want local people to put up their hands and join the Park Ridge Connector Community and Stakeholder Reference Group to discuss the long-term needs for Logan City's future growth and how to tackle rising traffic congestion.

Mr Mickel said people interested in Logan City and how transport and road planning would play a role in the city's growth should seriously consider nominating.

"We're looking for people who care about transport in their community and who are available for at least five meetings between mid-May and mid-September," he said.

"Transport and road planning play a huge role in the city's growth, especially in the Logan Motorway corridor and its surrounding southern suburbs, including Park Ridge.

Logan has been identified as a large growth area and we're committed to working closely with residents and the Logan City Council to cater for future transport growth in the region," Mr Mickel said.

"This is a great opportunity for nominated members to have their say on the future of transport growth in Logan and to comment on the transport corridor identified in the Draft Connecting SEQ 2031 planning document.

"A study of a future Park Ridge transport corridor is important for us to see how to improve the road networks in Logan City and to ensure existing and emerging communities have access to employment and services.

"To make sure this study proceeds smoothly, with all the options examined, we need input from the local community on the social, economic and environmental impacts of the future transport corridor."

Cr Parker said Logan City's reputation as one of the state's most vibrant and expanding regions would receive a boost through planning for new transport infrastructure.

"Logan City is poised for massive population growth, already running at more than two per cent per year, with the Park Ridge, Greater Flagstone, Jimboomba and Yarrabilba areas planned to accommodate an additional 163,000-plus people and 80,000 jobs by 2031," she said.

"Sections of the Logan Motorway and surrounding local road network are currently exceeding capacity, and the forecast growth shows dramatic increases in residential, commercial and industrial populations over the next two decades.

"Logan City Council is working closely with Transport and Main Roads to identify and preserve the Park Ridge Connector road transport corridor to cater for future transport growth in the Logan region."

Mr Mickel said the department was working to meet the needs of Logan residents.

“It’s expected there will be a dozen or so members from various interest sectors such as environmental groups, local schools, the business community, indigenous representatives and other special interest groups,” he said.

“Logan City Councillors whose divisions border the Park Ridge Connector road transport corridor will also provide ongoing advice and feedback to the Community and Stakeholder Reference Group.”

The reference group will help develop a draft Review of Environmental Factors, which is expected to be on public display and consultation later this year.

For more information or to volunteer to join the group go to www.tmr.qld.gov.au/prc or phone 1800 799 824 during office hours.

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