

Moreton Bay Rail Link

Project profile

Scope

This major new public transport project provides one of Australia's fastest growing regions with a high volume passenger rail line which will dramatically increase resident and commuter transport options and be a significant catalyst to economic growth. Scope includes:

- deliver a 12.6km dual-track passenger rail line between Petrie and Kippa-Ring
- construct six new rail stations at Kallangur, Murrumba Downs, Mango Hill, Mango Hill East, Rothwell and Kippa-Ring
- make a new connection to the existing rail network at Petrie
- construct a new train stabling facility at Kippa-Ring
- provide a shared path for cyclists and pedestrians between Petrie and Kippa-Ring, providing connectivity along the corridor and improved access to all stations
- provide connections and modifications to the existing road network to accommodate the rail line.

Funding

The \$1.147 billion required for the project is provided jointly by the Australian Government (\$742 million), Queensland Government (\$300 million plus land) and Moreton Bay Regional Council (\$105 million). The Queensland Government, through the Department of Transport and Main Roads, is delivering the project on behalf of the three funding partners.

Project need

More than 350,000 people call the Moreton Bay region home, making it the third largest local government area in Australia. It is also one of the fastest growing areas in the country with the population set to exceed 500,000 by 2031. Infrastructure in the region is heavily geared towards cars. Over half the population leaves the area every day for work and 83% use a private vehicle for their journey.

Project benefits

Once completed in 2016, the Moreton Bay Rail Link will:

- provide a more reliable, economical, and faster alternative to driving to Brisbane's central business district during peak periods
- help reduce congestion on the road network, including the Bruce Highway, and free up capacity for journeys that can't be made using public transport
- provide sustainable and active transport options that reduce carbon emissions - every full train on the new line will take about 600 cars off the road
- provide better access to major employment centres both within and outside the Moreton Bay region
- help attract investment to the area and create business opportunities
- act as a catalyst for growth along the alignment, with stations becoming hubs of new development in the region.



Australian Government



Queensland Government