

1. conduct an analysis of present and future passenger and freight travel demands in the western metropolitan area;
2. analyse the reasons for, and nature of, the predicted growth in passenger and freight demand, and assess a range of options to address travel growth, including all transport modes, as well as land use strategies to reduce travel demand and localise journeys;
3. identify transport system improvement options, including opportunities for a western busway; and
4. plan and protect for the mix of strategies.

A feature of this and all other transport studies will be extensive community consultation on the options and preferred solutions, as well as comprehensive social, economic and environmental impact assessment.

### **South-west of Ipswich**

A transport corridor in south-western Ipswich could extend the proposed Centenary Highway extension and link the new development areas of Ripley and Springfield to:

- the Ipswich - Boonah Road in the west; and
- the Logan Motorway and Centenary Highway in the east.

This corridor could offer significant benefits as an alternative route to keep pressure off the Ipswich Motorway as well as serving major growth areas south of Ipswich. People from these new development areas would have an alternative route to Ipswich and Brisbane and points beyond without having to rely on the Ipswich Motorway. A network of local arterial roads to improve connections between communities will also be needed to protect the integrity of the major highways. An alignment should be investigated as part of a joint road/rail corridor study, and the potential benefits and costs of such a road studied in more detail.

In the longer term, the extension further west from Ipswich - Boonah Road to the Cunningham Highway may also be warranted, and investigations of this extension should be undertaken as part of this study.

### West of Ipswich

A transport corridor to the west of Ipswich linking the Warrego Highway to the Cunningham Highway would serve the proposed major industrial development area at Ebenezer. This link could also connect to a major park-and-ride facility at Karrabin rail station, and would play an important role in serving the long term development potential of the Amberley Air Force Base.

An alignment should be identified and protected for this corridor and connections as part of integrated local transport planning in the Ipswich area.

**ACTIONS:**

- KA 8.17 Undertake impact assessment studies for strategic road opportunities in Ipswich
- KA 8.18 Investigate transport options for the western Brisbane area