

South East Busway

planning to Springwood

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How can I get involved?

Consultation with local residents and businesses will be an integral part of planning for the South East Busway extension between Rochedale and Springwood.

We are seeking your feedback on any issues in your local areas which may be relevant to the planning for this project. This will help to ensure potential issues are identified and investigated appropriately.

Feedback is invited until **Friday 5 September 2008**.

You can have your say by:

- completing an online feedback form at www.translink.com.au/project
- phoning the project team on **1800 794 288**
- emailing the project team on sebusway@transport.qld.gov.au
- providing feedback to team members at our information session or displays

Information session

If you would like to speak to a member of our project team about the planning to protect the busway corridor we encourage you to visit us at the following information session.

date	time	venue
Saturday 16 August 2008	9am – 12pm	Springwood Bowls Club Cinderella Drive, Springwood

Displays

Project displays will be available at libraries, the Logan City Council Customer Service Centre and State Government electorate offices from **Monday 11 August to Friday 5 September 2008**. Queensland Transport staff will also be available at the times listed below to answer any general questions you may have.

date	time	venue
Tuesday 19 August 2008	10am – 12pm	Centro Springwood Corner Rochedale Road and Fitzgerald Avenue, Springwood
Thursday 28 August 2008	2 – 4pm	Centro Springwood Corner Rochedale Road and Fitzgerald Avenue, Springwood

More consultation activities are planned over the next 12 months. Details of future displays and community information sessions will be advertised in local papers, project newsletters and on the project website. Register your interest with the project team by contacting them with your details.

Project guide

We have produced a project guide to introduce the proposed South East Busway extension, explain what it means to protect the corridor, outline the planning process and what will be investigated, and highlight opportunities for the public to be involved.

Get a copy

- from a staffed display or information session (details on this page)
- on the project website www.translink.com.au/project
- by contacting the project team on 1800 794 288



Contact us

Phone **1800 794 288*** (freecall)
 Email sebusway@transport.qld.gov.au
 Visit www.translink.com.au/project

* Higher rates apply from mobile phones and pay phones. STD rates will apply if calling from outside South East Queensland.

interpreter: 13 14 50 (for people of non-English speaking backgrounds)

TTY: 13 36 77 (quote 1800 794 288)



Why plan the busway extension to Springwood?

Planning for the future extension of the South East Busway to Springwood is part of Queensland Transport's plan to provide a transport system that is fast, reliable and sustainable.

Undertaking this planning now allows the government to integrate concept designs with Logan City Council planning for the greater Springwood area.

Protecting the busway corridor will help minimise potential impacts in the future and ensure the busway extension is well integrated as Springwood continues to grow and develop.

South East Queensland is the fastest growing region in Australia and will undergo significant change and population growth over the next 20 years.

The advice of the local community is being sought on issues and opportunities for this area.

It is important to plan public transport networks ahead of population and employment growth to ensure future redevelopment occurs in a sustainable way.

By planning for the busway now, a corridor can be protected to ensure redevelopment of the area does not impact the delivery of the busway in the future. This means new development can be constructed with an understanding of the space and design requirements of the future busway.

Community input sought for busway planning

Queensland Transport has commenced planning for the future extension of the South East Busway, from Underwood Road, Rochedale to near Fitzgerald Avenue, Springwood.

Community feedback is being sought on public transport issues and opportunities for the area. Your feedback will be used to inform the development of a Concept Design Study for the busway.

The Concept Design Study will:

- identify an alignment that best suits the local area
- identify any potential local issues associated with the proposal to ensure they are able to be managed appropriately in the future.

The study will also allow the government to protect the corridor for future delivery.

Once a corridor is protected, any proposed development is subject to assessment by Queensland Transport. This is to ensure that new development is properly integrated with future

busway facilities, and potential impacts are minimised when the busway is delivered. Delivery of the project will be subject to government funding and future demand for public transport.

This future extension is part of a comprehensive busway network for Brisbane that will eventually span the city. The busway network plan for Brisbane is a long term solution and will be built to service the areas of highest priority first.

It is important to plan and protect future busway corridors, to ensure each link in the network is able to be implemented successfully as the need arises.

Until a busway is needed in this area bus lanes will be used. As part of the Pacific Motorway Transit Project, bus lanes will provide faster travel times for commuters.

For more information on getting involved in the planning process see the back page.

Part of the big picture

The Queensland Government is serious about public transport. The South East Busway extension between Rochedale and Springwood is being planned now to ensure good public transport will support growth in the southern corridor and improve connections to the Greater Brisbane area in the future.

The government's plan to tackle urban congestion has resulted in unprecedented investment in transport infrastructure.



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Building on busway successes

The South East Busway opened in 2001 and was a first for South East Queensland. Patronage on the busway has increased by more than 180% on major bus routes since opening. The busway continues to carry more than 150,000 passengers per day (and up to 18,000 passengers every hour during peak times into the city).

The South East Busway extension will build on this success by protecting the corridor for future delivery and safeguarding the benefits a busway can offer:

- congestion-free travel on fast, frequent and reliable services
- reduction in congestion, pollution and traffic noise – for every full bus of commuters there are 40 fewer cars on the roads
- high quality busway stations and waiting facilities.

The success of the South East Busway has also led to the planning and development of other busways in Brisbane, including the Inner Northern Busway, Northern Busway, Boggo Road Busway and Eastern Busway.

Busways fill the gaps between Brisbane's existing rail lines to expand the city's primary public transport network and create a world-class system for the future.



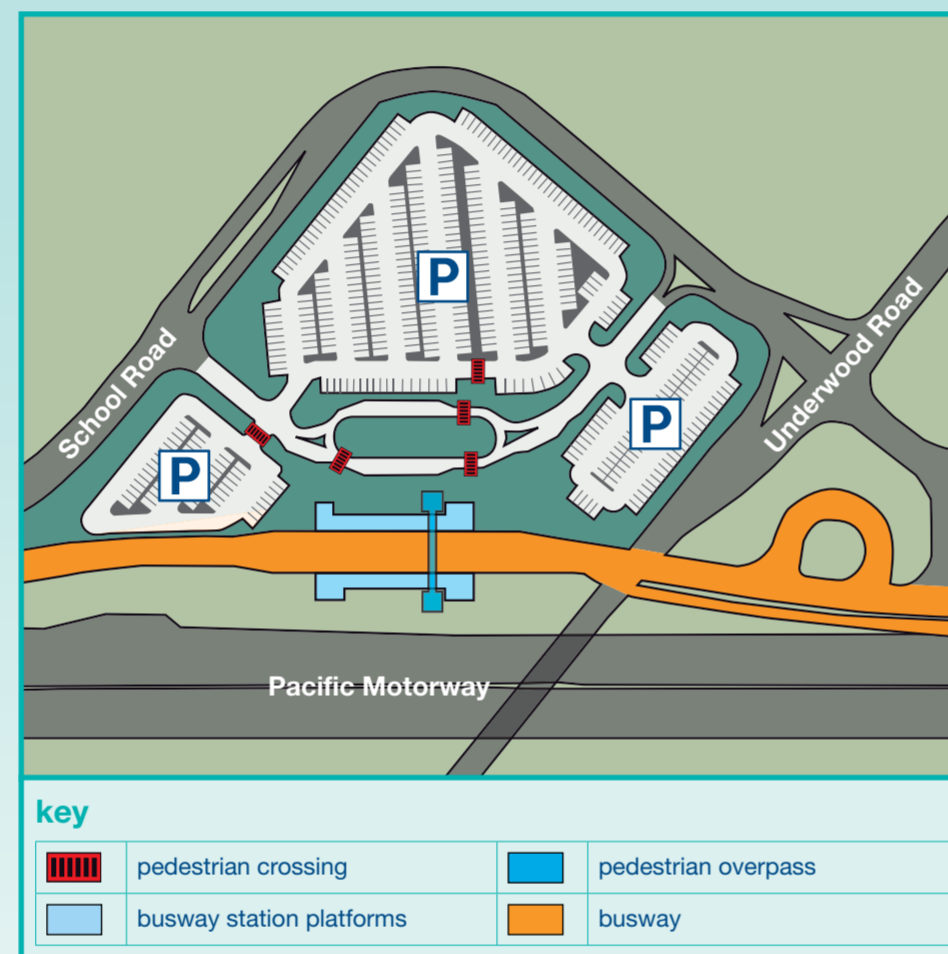
Planning finalised for Eight Mile Plains to Rochedale

Initial planning for the busway from Eight Mile Plains busway station to Underwood Road, Rochedale was undertaken as part of the Pacific Motorway Transit Project in 2006/2007.

Since then, Queensland Transport has refined the design and developed a preferred option. The busway extension runs from the existing Eight Mile Plains busway station, along the eastern side of the Pacific Motorway to a busway station at Underwood Road, Rochedale.

This busway station has been designed to be a leading edge public transport facility with approximately 600 spaces in a park and ride facility that has the potential to be redeveloped into a mixed use development, in the future.

Delivery of the busway to Rochedale is dependant on funding and may be staged.



Designing for the future

The Queensland Government has identified the need to encourage development which supports public transport, walking and cycling. This is seen as the most efficient way to protect our quality of life, while maintaining strong, healthy and diverse communities.

The busway station planned for Rochedale incorporates these principles. The park and ride facility has been planned to facilitate future redevelopment options such as housing and office or retail space, while maintaining parking space through a multi-storey car park.

Queensland Transport will investigate similar design principles in the Springwood town centre by working closely with the Logan City Council, State Government agencies and local communities to identify development opportunities around the busway.



Mater Hill busway station integrated with the Mater Hospital.

Rochedale to Springwood – next steps in planning

Before the busway corridor between Rochedale and Springwood can be protected, the Queensland Government needs to identify a preferred alignment and assess potential issues with the busway proposal.

Through a Concept Design Study, Queensland Transport will establish a preferred alignment and design for the busway extension between Underwood Road in Rochedale and Springwood near Fitzgerald Avenue. It will also establish station locations and design as well as access points for buses and emergency vehicles.

The study will undertake a preliminary assessment of potential environmental, social and economic issues related to the proposed busway alignment.

Closer to the expected delivery of the busway extension, Queensland Transport will undertake a more detailed assessment of issues and management strategies. This is to ensure that management strategies are utilising the latest technology and the best methods available in addressing potential issues.

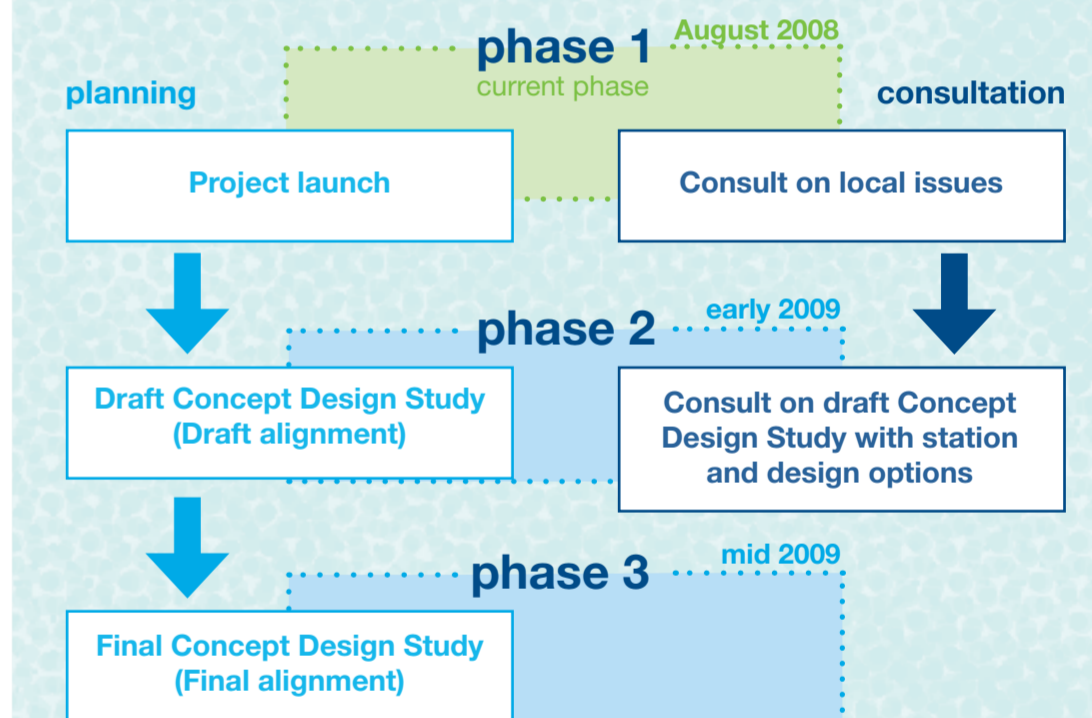
Queensland Transport will seek community involvement in developing the Concept Design Study to ensure the planning and design outcomes suit the needs of the local area.

The Concept Design Study will then be submitted to the Queensland Government for approval and for protection of the busway corridor for the future.

The process starts in August 2008 by seeking community feedback on local issues that may influence the planning for the project.

The project guide explains more about the project and what will be investigated through the Concept Design Study. See the back page for information on how to get a copy of the guide and have your say.

Key planning and consultation phases



Other projects being planning in the area

Queensland Transport will be working with other state and local government agencies during the planning of the busway extension to Springwood. Other projects being planned in the area are:

- Springwood Master Plan
- Pacific Motorway Transit Project – including bus lanes between Eight Mile Plains and Springwood as an interim measure
- Gateway Motorway Upgrade South
- Miles Platting and Logan Roads Intersection Upgrade.

By planning and protecting for the busway extension now, works planned as part of other projects can be undertaken with an understanding of the space and design requirements of the future busway.

