

South East Busway

Rochedale to Springwood

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How can I get involved?

Consultation with local residents and businesses is an important part of the planning process. The department is seeking your feedback on the draft busway alignment and the findings of the draft Concept Design Study.

Feedback is invited until **Friday 3 July 2009**.

You can provide your feedback by:

- completing a feedback form at www.transport.qld.gov.au/sebusway
- phoning the project team on 1800 794 288
- emailing the project team on sebusway@transport.qld.gov.au
- writing to the project team (no postage stamp required)

South East Busway Extension Project
Queensland Transport
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Brisbane Qld 4001

- meeting with a project team member at a display.

More information

In Brief

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has prepared an easy-to-understand summary of the draft Concept Design Study's main findings – called the 'In Brief'. You can obtain a copy:

- from a display
- on the project website – www.transport.qld.gov.au/sebusway
- by contacting the project team on 1800 794 288.

Draft Concept Design Study

For a more detailed look at the project's anticipated benefits and potential impacts, please refer to the complete draft Concept Design Study. You can obtain a CD copy by calling the project team on 1800 794 288, or it can be viewed at staffed displays.

Contact us

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* 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)

Displays

Project displays will be available at libraries, the Logan City Council Administration Centre and State Government electorate offices from 1 June to 3 July 2009. Staff will be available at the times listed below to answer your questions.

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday 4 June 2009	2 pm – 4 pm	Logan North Library Corner Sports Drive and Springwood Road, Underwood
Tuesday 9 June 2009	10 am – 12 noon	
Thursday 18 June 2009	5 pm – 7 pm	Centro Springwood Corner Rochedale Road and Fitzgerald Avenue, Springwood
Tuesday 23 June 2009	2 pm – 4 pm	
Saturday 27 June 2009	10 am – 12 noon	



Planning the busway extension

South East Queensland is one of the fastest growing regions in Australia and will undergo significant change and population growth over the next 20 years. It is therefore critical that we plan to meet the future transport needs of Brisbane's growing southside communities.

With the increase in population, more people are expected to use public transport which helps them avoid traffic delays, is a cost-effective way to travel and is environmentally friendly. Already, more than 150 000 passengers travel on the South East Busway between Brisbane City and Eight Mile Plains each day, making 35 million trips per year.

Planning for the South East Busway extension between Eight Mile Plains and Rochedale was completed in May 2007 as part of Pacific Motorway Upgrade planning.

It is important to plan public transport networks ahead of population and employment growth to ensure future development occurs in a sustainable way. Planning for the South East Busway extension from Rochedale to Springwood will ensure that good public transport will support future growth in the southern corridor and improve connections to the greater Brisbane area.

Draft plans on display for community input

The draft plans for the future extension of the South East Busway from Rochedale to Springwood have been released for public comment. The 2.4 km extension runs along the eastern side of the Pacific Motorway and includes a new busway station at Springwood.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has also completed a draft Concept Design Study. The study is a preliminary investigation of a broad range of environmental, social, engineering and economic issues. It identifies anticipated benefits and potential impacts to ensure they are able to be managed appropriately in the future.

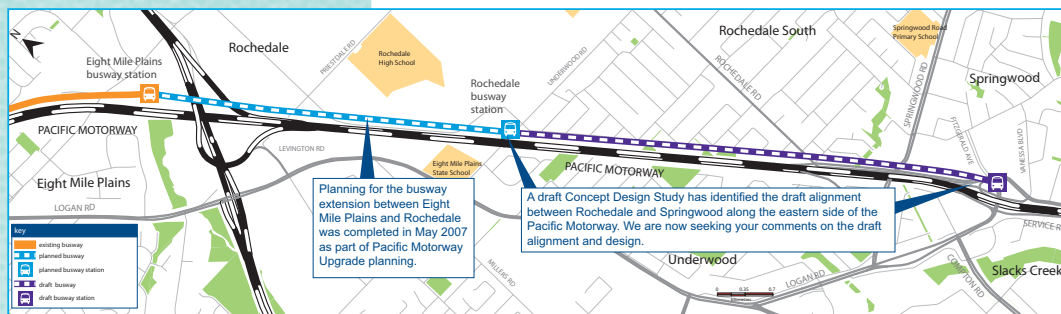
We would like to hear your thoughts on the draft alignment and design. See the back page for details on how to contact us.

Your feedback so far

The first round of consultation with local residents and businesses occurred between August and September 2008. The majority of people who provided feedback, support the project. Many people provided feedback on existing bus services, potential impacts on homes and businesses, links with planning for the Pacific Motorway Upgrade, car parking at bus stations and noise mitigation. These issues have been considered in the development of the draft alignment.

Feedback showed the community generally:

- supports extending the South East Busway to Springwood
- recognises the need for the project
- wants safe pedestrian and cycle access to Springwood busway station
- wants noise, parking and visual issues to be examined and managed.





A larger version of this map can be viewed at a staffed display.

Draft alignment and draft Concept Design Study

The extension is proposed to run along the eastern side of the Pacific Motorway between Rochedale and Springwood. While the Department of Transport and Main Roads has worked to minimise impacts as much as possible, there will be some impacts on private properties. We have met one-on-one with a number of property owners who may be affected and we will continue to meet and talk with potentially directly impacted owners over the coming months.

There are also likely to be some modifications to local streets including Rothon Drive, Rochedale Road, Pindari Street, Kumbari Street and Moffit Court.

The draft Concept Design Study proposes a number of urban design strategies which can help to mitigate potential impacts on nearby properties. It also identifies the anticipated benefits of the project and social, environmental and economic impacts to ensure they can be addressed in the future.

What is proposed for the South East Busway extension?

The Rochedale to Springwood extension of the South East Busway will include:

- a new 2.4 km section of busway between Rochedale and Springwood
- a new high-quality busway station at Springwood
- links to allow easy interchange between local buses and busway services
- a passenger pick up and drop off area (known as kiss 'n' ride)
- local bus access points (from the local road network to the busway)
- well-connected pedestrian and cycle access to stations.

Busway benefits

Extending the busway will:

- give more southside residents a congestion-free run on fast, frequent and reliable bus services. During peak hour, this makes the busway a quicker way to get around
- encourage more people to use public transport
- provide improved connections to where people live, work and play
- improve access to major destinations including the Brisbane Central Business District, Springwood, and the University of Queensland (via the Eastern Busway)
- help reduce overall vehicle emissions by reducing car use. For every full bus, there are up to 40 fewer cars on the road.



Minor changes to Pacific Motorway Upgrade Gateway to Logan Motorway

The department has been working with the Pacific Motorway Upgrade team to develop integrated plans for the Rochedale to Springwood busway extension.

This will ensure we identify a busway alignment that complements the motorway planning and provides the best solution for the community.

The draft planning layouts for the busway extension from Rochedale to Springwood recommend minor adjustments to the approved master concept plans for the Pacific Motorway Upgrade.

The most significant change is the proposed relocation of the Rochedale Road off ramp. It is proposed that the Rochedale Road off ramp be moved 200 m north to intersect Rochedale Road north of Pindari Street. The benefits of this change include significant cost savings, improved safety and less community disruption.

“ Bus travel speeds of up to 90 km/hr are possible on the South East Busway and even when traffic incidents choke the Pacific Motorway, the South East Busway continues to operate unaffected. ”

Springwood busway station

The Springwood busway station has been located to serve the needs of future Springwood residential and business communities.

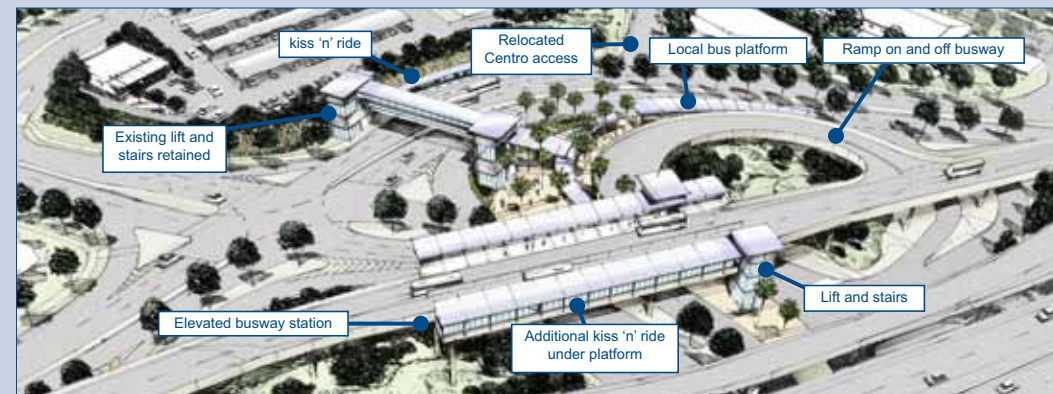
Making it easy to access the busway, particularly by cycling and walking, is important. Bike storage facilities will be planned for the station and local cycleways will link to the busway station. Also, nearby footpaths and road crossings will be of a high quality. This will include a quality pedestrian link from the busway station to the Springwood town centre.

There will not be any additional park 'n' ride facilities located at the Springwood busway station. However, the department is making sure enough room

is provided for convenient kiss 'n' ride facilities. This will allow busway passengers to be easily dropped off or picked up close to the busway station.

Local bus services will be reviewed to maximise access to the busway. This reduces the need to drive to a station as local buses will continue to do their neighbourhood rounds before heading onto the busway for a congestion-free run.

The department will continue to work with the Logan City Council to ensure the busway complements future plans for the Rochedale South and Springwood communities.



What happens next?

The department is seeking feedback on the draft alignment and draft Concept Design Study.

Comments and ideas from the local community, together with the results of ongoing technical studies, will be used to refine the draft plans over the next few months so they can be completed by late 2009. They will then be submitted to the Queensland Government to consider.

The Queensland Government is committed to delivering the South East Busway to Springwood between 2011 and 2026 as part of the South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2008–2026. Its delivery may be staged to respond to priorities and funding opportunities.