

Eastern Transitway

Old Cleveland Road, Carindale to Coorparoo

June 2020

Overview

The Queensland Government is investing in delivery of the Eastern Transitway. This cost-effective solution will improve priority for public transport along Old Cleveland Road, from Coorparoo to Carindale, and aims to extend the benefits of the existing Eastern Busway.

Targeted bus priority measures will improve bus service reliability and bus travel times in peak periods, which will assist in managing congestion along the corridor. These measures will not reduce the number of general traffic lanes.

Stage 1

The Eastern Transitway project will be delivered using a staged approach to minimise the impact to the community. Stage 1 will focus on the Creek Road intersection and extend along Old Cleveland Road to Narracott Street. This stage will not impact existing parking.

Consultation with nearby Stage 1 residents and businesses began in late 2019 with wider community consultation proposed between **29 June 2020** and **12 July 2020**. The draft design for Stage 1 is overleaf. Nearby stakeholders will be further notified prior to Stage 1 construction commencing. Design for further stages is in progress and the community will be further consulted once the draft design is complete.

Benefits

The Eastern Transitway will provide numerous benefits for public transport customers and the community, including:

- A faster, safer, more reliable and accessible public transport corridor for up to 8000 bus passengers and 430 bus services during peak periods each weekday.
- By separating buses from general traffic, bus travel times will be reduced during peak periods.
- Bus timetables will be more reliable, on-time running is a reoccurring concern and this project will improve timetable confidence on Old Cleveland Road.
- The transitway will support existing high frequency bus services, encouraging more people to use public transport and allowing for greater public transport capacity in future.
- Associated upgrades to active transport connectivity are proposed, benefitting people riding bikes and pedestrians.
- Emergency vehicles will be able to use the bus lanes along the transitway, improving response times along Old Cleveland Road. Some other vehicles and people riding bikes will also be permitted to use the transitway. For more information visit www.qld.gov.au and search 'special purpose lanes'.



— Extents under investigation for further stages
— Stage 1 (see map overleaf)



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Stage 1. Old Cleveland Road: Creek Road intersection to Narracott Street

Stage 1 Timeline



Community feedback

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is committed to working closely with the community throughout the project.

For more information about this project, to provide feedback or to register for updates, contact the project team:

Email: metropolitanregion@tmr.qld.gov.au

Website: visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au/EasternTransitway

Phone: 07 3066 4338 (During business hours. Standard call charges will apply)

Have your say

Have your say on the proposed Eastern Transitway Stage 1 design by taking the online survey at tmr.qld.gov.au/EasternTransitway.

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Eastern Transitway Frequently Asked Questions

What is a transitway – is it for buses only?

- A transitway is a cost-effective on-road bus priority measure that improves the efficiency and reliability of bus services to improve customer experience.
- A transitway is a lane dedicated for priority bus use. Queensland road rules stipulate you can only use a bus lane:
 - if you are operating a bicycle, bus, taxi, limousine, or an emergency vehicle
 - to travel up to 100 metres to enter or leave the road.
- Bus lanes are clearly marked using signage and line marking. There is no physical barrier between the bus lane and general traffic.
- For more information regarding operation and signage of bus lanes visit: www.qld.gov.au and search 'special purpose lanes'.

Why do we need an Eastern Transitway?

- With the region's road network operating at, or close to, capacity in most of the key commuter corridors to the Brisbane CBD during peak periods, better use of available road space is needed. Projects that encourage increased use of public and active transport can help reduce congestion and move more people more sustainably.
- The congested Old Cleveland Road corridor already carries high frequency bus services. However the lack of bus priority measures results in poor reliability and travel times. Old Cleveland Road will continue to experience increased pressure with continued development, and longer distance commuter demand from growth areas.
- With more than 12,000 people each weekday using buses to travel along this corridor and about 80 per cent of these trips starting or ending in the corridor, investment in bus priority is essential to help manage local travel. The Eastern Transitway is a cost-effective step to extending the benefits of the existing busway all the way to Carindale.

Are you widening Old Cleveland Road to deliver the Eastern Transitway project?

- Stage 1 of the Eastern Transitway project remains within the existing road corridors and does not require any additional properties.
- Design of subsequent stages of the Eastern Transitway will also remain largely within the existing road corridors and any requirements from surrounding properties is expected to be minimal.
- To accommodate the bus lanes to prioritise public transport within the existing road corridor, the proposed design uses mostly existing road shoulder and median areas on Old Cleveland Road.
- There is likely to be changes to on-street parking in future stages. However further design work needs to be done to understand these changes and ensure that any impact is minimal.

Will there be any changes to the bus stops along the transitway?

- The existing bus stops in the project works area will be reviewed during the design phase. Any proposed changes will be communicated to the community in advance.
- To receive public transport updates, download the MyTransLink app and favourite your usual bus stops and services.

I've heard about plans for the Eastern Busway – is this the same project?

- Busways are generally separated from general traffic (for example, a tunnel or an overpass), with limited access points, and designed to be mass transit transport corridors.
- There is currently no funding for the design or construction of the Eastern Busway. Planning and timing for the Eastern Busway corridor between Main Avenue, Coorparoo and Capalaba is regularly reviewed.

Can I have my say on the project?

- You can either provide your feedback by participating in the online survey, or you can contact the project team directly.

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