What's been happening?

The South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005–2026 (the Regional Plan) aims to sustainably manage growth within South East Queensland (SEQ). The Regional Plan anticipates significant population growth in SEQ and a demand for 26,000 dwellings in Beaudesert Shire by 2026.

Following the completion of the Mt Lindesay/North Beaudesert Study by the Office of Urban Management (OUM) and release of Amendment 1 to the Regional Plan, we engaged Traffic and transport consultants, Cardno Eppell Olsen, to determine the long-term transport needs in the Mt Lindesay/Beaudesert area. The study aimed to identify the transportation needs for the next 50 years as required by the Department of Main Roads, TransLink and OUM and technical advice has been provided by the southern Regional Organisation of Councils.

In March 2007, Queensland Transport published a newsletter outlining the study process and background for the Mt Lindesay/Beaudesert STNI. The first newsletter, study area map and the draft report are available from the study website www.mtlindesaybeaudeserttransportstudy.com.au.

This second newsletter outlines the key findings and draft recommendations of the study and how you can comment on the outcomes before the recommendations and report is finalised.

About the study

The defined Mt Lindesay/Beaudesert STNI study area extends from the Logan Motorway in the north, the state border to the south, the Pacific Motorway to the east and the Ipswich Motorway/Cunningham Highway to the west. However, public transport, roads and infrastructure extend beyond these boundaries.

The study focuses on the long-term transport needs in the region to 2056, including road, rail, bus and freight transport. Most of the transport needs identified in the study will occur after 2026 and infrastructure proposed in the study is not likely to be built until then.

To understand the 2056 demand on transport networks within the study area, a range of population and employment projections and public transport usage levels were developed. These scenarios were used to test how a number of different road, public transport and freight networks would respond to the resulting transport demands.

The results of the modelling enabled the study team to better understand the form of networks needed by 2056, to develop feasible and cost-effective recommendations and to identify future corridor studies which would need to be identified and protected.

Study aims

- Identify robust transport networks to support the expected land use patterns within the study area over the next 50 years
- Help state and local governments plan for the transport networks and services that will be needed in the future
- Identify the basis for future detailed planning including alignment and road staging. This will be undertaken after this study has identified the needs of the study area

How you can get more information

The draft report and a display about the study can be viewed at the Beaudesert Shire Council offices between 12 November and 14 December 2007. Members of the study team will be available at other locations during the times listed below to answer questions and talk about the project. The draft report is also available on the project website www.mtlindesaybeaudeserttransportstudy.com.au.

Location Address Display Times
Logan Village
Logan Village Community Hall, Wool Street
4.30pm - 7.30pm Thursday 15 November 2007
Jimboomba
Jimboomba Primary School, Mt Lindesay Highway
10.00am - 1.00pm Saturday 1 December 2007
Woolworths Shopping Centre, 125 Brisbane Street
4.30pm - 7.30pm Thursday 5 December 2007
Jimboomba
Jimboomba Community Hall, 18-22 Honora Street
10.00am - 1.00pm Saturday 8 December 2007
Jimboomba
Jimboomba Community Hall, 18-22 Honora Street
4.30pm - 7.00pm Thursday 12 December 2007
Jimboomba
Jimboomba Community Hall, 18-22 Honora Street
4.30pm - 7.30pm Thursday 19 December 2007
Woodridge
Woodridge Shopping Centre, 285 Cribb Road
10.00am - 1.00pm Saturday 1 December 2007
Woodridge
Woodridge Shopping Centre, 285 Cribb Road
4.30pm - 7.00pm Thursday 5 December 2007
Woodridge
Woodridge Shopping Centre, 285 Cribb Road
4.30pm - 7.30pm Thursday 12 December 2007
Woodridge
Woodridge Shopping Centre, 285 Cribb Road
4.30pm - 7.30pm Thursday 19 December 2007
Woodridge
Woodridge Shopping Centre, 285 Cribb Road
4.30pm - 7.30pm Thursday 26 December 2007
Service Centre
Anakie - Central Queensland
February - open Monday-Friday 12-3pm

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What are the key findings?

The key findings of the Mt Lindesay/Beaudesert STNI are:

- Future population and jobs growth are projected to occur in the Logan, Beaudesert and Western Corridor regions.
- Growth in regional freight and passenger traffic is anticipated.
- Significant urban development is expected in these areas.

Regional road network

- Recommendations include the Logan and Beaudesert shire councils to undertake structure planning of key growth areas including Flagstone, Yarrabilba, Beaudesert, Bromelton and Greenbank to identify the key road, public transport and cycling network.

Future demand for recreational and commuter cycle trips within the region

- The findings and recommendations are in addition to the transport networks expected to be in place at 2026. This includes an enhanced bus system with improved frequency and route coverage in the study area and an improved road network.

The draft Mt Lindesay-Beaudesert STNI report recommends that Queensland Transport and the Department of Main Roads undertake further detailed cost-benefit investigations for the Mt Lindesay Highway, Gateway Motorway extensions, the Southern Infrastructure Corridor (road), the Springfield-Greenbank arterial, and Beaudesert/Beaudesert arterial links.

It also recommends the Logan and Beaudesert shire councils undertake structure planning of key growth areas including Flagstone, Yarrabilba, Beaudesert, Bromelton and Greenbank to identify the key road, public transport and cycling network.

The key findings of the Mt Lindesay/Beaudesert Strategic Transport Network Investigation are illustrated in figures and tables (see next page).