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North Coast Connect Project

The North Coast Connect consortium comprising Stockland, SMEC, Urbis and KPMG has received Australian Government funding to develop a business case investigating faster rail from Nambour to Brisbane, with a spur line to Maroochydore.

The business case is expected to be presented to the Australian Government in 2019.

There is currently no commitment to fund the North Coast Connect proposal by local, state or federal government.

Queensland Government involvement in North Coast Connect

The Queensland Government has committed to provide the business case for the Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade Project as an in-kind contribution to the North Coast Connect consortium to assist with the development of their proposal.

Queensland Government representatives attend the North Coast Connect Steering Committee and Technical Working Group as observers only.

Any proposal for faster rail will need to complement the existing network, appropriately address future network requirements and include consideration of staging and integration with related network enhancements. Viability considerations include compliance with stringent environmental impact requirements and technical feasibility considerations. Infrastructure investments in Queensland are subject to statewide prioritisation and funding availability.

Queensland Government related projects and priorities

The Queensland Government, through the Department of Transport and Main Roads, is committed to ensuring the delivery of a single integrated transport network accessible to everyone and is continuing to progress planning and projects to improve rail travel and increase network capacity across the South East Queensland rail network.

Queensland Government priorities for the Sunshine Coast/Moreton Bay to Brisbane area include:

Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade Project – this project will:

- reduce travel times for passengers and freight
- attract more passenger and freight services through efficient, accessible and reliable rail infrastructure
- deliver station upgrades and additional park and ride facilities
- result in less cars heading towards Caboolture in the morning peak, and less cars heading north in the afternoon peak
- result in less delays to services on this section of the line as a result of increase track capacity which will minimise service passing delays.

Through the \$160.8 million in funding committed by the Queensland Government as part of this year's budget, together with the \$390 million committed by the Australian Government, detailed design work can get underway, to be followed by construction. The Queensland Government continues to negotiate with the Australian Government regarding full project funding. Further project information can be found here: www.tmr.qld.gov.au/b2n

Cross River Rail, the Queensland Government's highest priority infrastructure project is funded and under construction.

This \$5.4 billion project will unlock the inner-city core and unleash the potential of the rail network. The project will deliver a more efficient and reliable network and will enable a number of network enhancement projects to be brought forward to support an increase in services, across the wider rail network. Further information about this project can be found here: www.crossriverrail.qld.gov.au

Caboolture to Maroochydore Study (CAMCOS) Corridor –

the Queensland Government continues to protect the CAMCOS corridor for the future. The CAMCOS corridor allows for a future public transport spine for the Sunshine Coast, linking the coastal urban area to Brisbane.



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