

### Where did the study come from?

Previous planning undertaken by the Queensland Government shows the need for a future passenger rail corridor from Salisbury to Beaudesert.

This planning includes the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031* which identified the need for public transport to service future growth areas such as Greenbank, Flagstone and Beaudesert in the south western corridor to connect communities with goods, services and employment.

The draft *Mt Lindesay/Beaudesert Strategic Transport Network Investigation* released in May 2009 also identified that future public transport demands were likely to warrant a passenger rail line between Brisbane and Bromelton/Beaudesert. This investigation recommended that a more detailed corridor study was needed to confirm the location of the corridor.

### Planning for the future

The Salisbury to Beaudesert Rail Corridor Study is about planning for our future. The study is helping to cater for expected population growth between Salisbury and Beaudesert by preserving a rail corridor where people will live and work.

The *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031* outlined that by 2031 there would be an extra 156 000 dwellings and 279 000 residents in Brisbane, 70 000 dwellings and 174 000 residents in Logan and 15 000 dwellings and 37 500\* residents in the Scenic Rim.

Sustainable public transport infrastructure, like the Salisbury to Beaudesert rail corridor, will be essential to help accommodate this growth and connect communities with goods, services and employment. Without it, there would be an increased demand on local roads and motorways.

\* (calculated as 2.5 residents per dwelling with figures from the South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031)

### Benefits of study

- Planning now – by planning now, the space for a future passenger rail line can be identified and preserved so that in the future we won't have to squeeze public transport infrastructure into areas that have become fully developed.
- Providing certainty for the future – by undertaking this planning and deciding on the location of the rail line now, future communities will live in developed areas with good access to rail services.



### Vision for rail revolution

A key focus of the draft Connecting SEQ 2031 is a transformation of how rail services operate.

A revolution of how services operate on the network will allow rail to move more passengers, more frequently.

The Salisbury to Beaudesert rail corridor study, providing for a future dedicated double track passenger rail line, would form part of this rail revolution - extending the region's rail network to this fast-growing community.

The region's future rail system would be transformed to have three distinct types of services:

#### UrbanLink rail

- high-frequency all day (at least 6am to 9pm), seven days a week with services stopping at all stations
- staged rollout, with services inbound of Redbank, Strathpine, Loganlea, Ferny Grove, Shorncliffe, Manly and the Airport in Brisbane as the first stage

#### ExpressLink

- fast, express running services (competitive with a car) from outer to inner suburbs
- all stops until the location where UrbanLink services start, then express to inner Brisbane
- passengers can change to UrbanLink services to get to destinations where the ExpressLink services do not stop

#### CoastLink

- express rail services from Brisbane to Gold Coast (Coolangatta) and Sunshine Coast (Maroochydore/Nambour) with travel time of about one hour
- higher-capacity trains, that can operate at faster speeds (160km/h)

Initially, Salisbury to Flagstone would be serviced by ExpressLink services to Brisbane, with the extension of this line being a longer-term opportunity.

For more information about the rail revolution, visit [www.connectingSEQ.qld.gov.au](http://www.connectingSEQ.qld.gov.au) or phone 1800 038 178 (during business hours).

## Why not use the interstate freight rail for passenger services?

The use of the existing interstate freight rail line for passenger services is unlikely to meet the transport demand from future population growth in the study area. The Salisbury to Beaudesert Rail Corridor Study is an investigation of a long-term public transport solution to support this anticipated population growth.

The study will also investigate possible interim public transport solutions prior to construction of the passenger rail line such as possible bus priority measures.

Some of these include:

- The existing rail track is not suitable for operating suburban passenger trains due to non-electrification. This would require special trains to be purchased or leased to operate the service.
- Significant capacity constraints exist within the inner city rail network and on the interstate rail line. This means only limited places are available for any additional trains to operate these passenger services.
- Significant infrastructure, such as platforms, passing loops and signals would be needed before the interstate rail line could be used for passenger services. The cost of this infrastructure is likely to be expensive, and would not be re-usable for the dedicated narrow gauge passenger rail.

### Tell us what you think

#### Now: Review of Environmental Factors

Public consultation is an important part of this study and we want your feedback. Community consultation will commence on Monday 27 September to Friday 29 October 2010.

Your feedback will be considered in finalising the proposed rail corridor, station locations and planning for what will be investigated further in the draft impact assessment report.

#### Next step: Draft impact assessment report

You will have another opportunity to tell us what you think when the draft impact assessment report is released for public consultation in early 2011.

### Community information displays

The study team will be holding community information displays to give you the opportunity to speak directly with us and ask your questions. Drop into a display at any of the following locations:

Saturday 9 October 12pm - 3pm Greenbank Community Centre 145-167 Teviot Rd Greenbank	Thursday 14 October 3pm - 6pm Centre for Arts and Culture Beaudesert 82 Brisbane St Beaudesert	Thursday 21 October 3pm - 6pm Acacia Ridge and District Community Centre 21 Hanify St Acacia Ridge
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### Where you can view the Review of Environmental Factors

You can view this report at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/salisburytobeaudesert](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/salisburytobeaudesert)

- Transport and Main Roads Customer Service Centres at Beaudesert, Logan City and Macgregor
- Transport and Main Roads Offices at Logan and Nerang
- Coopers Plains Library
- Sunnybank Hills Library
- Greenbank Library
- Jimboomba Library
- Logan West Library
- Logan Village Library
- Beaudesert Library

### What's inside

- Map of the proposed rail alignment, including proposed station locations
- Study benefits
- Study timeline
- Feedback form
- How you can find out more

### How to contact us

#### Freecall\*:

1800 239 365

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[www.tmr.qld.gov.au/salisburytobeaudesert](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/salisburytobeaudesert)

#### Write:

Salisbury to Beaudesert Rail Corridor Study  
Department of Transport and Main Roads  
Reply paid  
PO Box 442  
Nerang Qld 4211

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, you can call through the TTY service on 13 16 17 (quote 1800 239 365).

If you are from a non-English speaking background, you can call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 13 14 50.

\* Freecall Australia wide. Charges apply for mobile phones and pay phones.

### Provide your feedback

You are invited to provide your feedback on this report. Community consultation will commence on Monday 27 September to Friday 29 October 2010.



Newsletter 1

## New passenger rail plan begins

The Queensland Government is planning a future passenger railway line between Salisbury and Beaudesert.

While it would not be built for some years, planning now means that a corridor can be preserved for the future.

This report shows the proposed alignment and station locations.

It allows you to provide feedback to the Queensland Government's transport planners to ensure the community's voice is heard.

The Salisbury to Beaudesert rail corridor study provides for a future dedicated double track passenger rail line. It will generally follow the existing interstate freight line to Kagaru before connecting across to Beaudesert.

Importantly, the line proposed does involve property impacts, though an effort has been made to keep them to a minimum.

The study includes:

- identifying a proposed rail alignment and station locations
- undertaking impact assessments and developing possible mitigation measures
- conducting public consultation so you can provide your feedback.

### Rail revolution

Population growth is one of the biggest challenges facing south east Queensland into the future. This study will help us plan for the transport needs of growing and future communities between Salisbury and Beaudesert. Rail will be the backbone of meeting that challenge.

Recently the Premier and Minister for Transport released the draft Connecting SEQ 2031 - An Integrated Regional Transport Plan SEQ 2031. This document is a strategic document that identifies a revolution of how rail services operate on the region's network, allowing more passengers to be moved more frequently.

