MEDIA STATEMENT

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Eastern Transitway on track for completion this year

Construction of the \$30 million Eastern Transitway is on track with works ramping up along Old Cleveland Road at Carindale.

Metropolitan Regional Director, Andrew Wheeler said it was great to see the project one step closer to delivering more efficient public transport for the eastern suburbs.

"Works have been progressing well around the project site, and crews are about to start works on the southern side of Old Cleveland Road," Mr Wheeler said.

"This will see the shift in construction to the inbound bus lane and shared path in coming weeks."

Mr Wheeler said the construction activities would require west and eastbound traffic on Old Cleveland Road to shift.

"From Narracott Street east to the intersection of Old Cleveland and Creek Roads, traffic will essentially shift north, taking advantage of the new lane," he said.

Mr Wheeler said active transport users would also benefit with the opening of the connecting shared path between Cardinale Street and the Bulimba Creek Bikeway.

"Providing improved connectivity for bike riders and pedestrians is one of the project benefits," he said.

"The local community will now have easier access to the local retail precinct and through to the Bulimba Creek Bikeway."

Local fauna also won't miss out, with improvements being made under the existing Belmont Bridge near Bulimba Creek.

"In addition to koala fencing, recycled timber will be used to add fauna treatments to the Bulimba Creek corridor," Mr Wheeler said.

As construction continues, road users will experience changed traffic conditions, and they are reminded to follow the direction of traffic control.

The Eastern Transitway is scheduled to be completed mid 2022, weather and construction conditions permitting.

For further information about the Eastern Transitway, visit <u>tmr.qld.gov.au</u> and search 'Eastern Transitway', or for any questions, please contact the project team on 3066 4338 or email <u>metropolitanregion@tmr.qld.gov.au</u>.

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