# Eastern Transitway Stage 1 – start of construction

Dear Stakeholder,

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) would like to advise works for stage 1 of the Eastern Transitway project will soon commence.

The Eastern Transitway will provide bus customers in Brisbane's east with a safer and more dependable public transport network. 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.

Initial construction works requires trees and vegetation be removed along the inbound verge for Old Cleveland Road, between Carindale Street and Creek Road. There will be further tree and vegetation removal as the project progresses. All necessary flora and fauna assessments have been undertaken. Local environment groups and Brisbane City Council have been consulted to ensure desirable environmental outcomes for fauna movements and revegetation are achieved for the project.

As part of the project works TMR will plant Australian native trees and shrubs to rehabilitate the project site, and construct approximately 600 metres of fauna protection fencing and associated climbing structures to prevent vehicle strikes.

Fauna spotter catchers will be in place throughout the tree and vegetation clearing to relocate any wildlife, as necessary.

### Timing:

- Works will commence in late August/September 2020 and be complete in 2021, construction and weather conditions permitting
- Standard construction hours will be from 6am to 5:30pm, Monday to Saturday
- Selected works will be required to be undertaken at night for the safety of the work crews and to minimise impacts to the road network. Night works will be from 7pm to 5am, Sunday to Thursday.



#### Work activities:

- tree and vegetation clearing
- treatment to existing underground services
- installation of project safety fencing
- road widening and pavement treatments for new bus lanes
- line marking and signage installation
- construction of a new three-metre-wide shared path for pedestrians and cyclists
- lighting and electrical works
- intersection upgrade works at Creek Road to improve safety
- stormwater drainage works
- installation of new fauna exclusion fencing and associated fauna treatments
- earthworks, including construction of retaining structures.



#### Expected impacts:

Residents, businesses and road users can expect:

- Private property access to be maintained at all times.
- Traffic control and signage will be in place as required.



- Nearby residents and businesses may experience impacts including noise, vibration, dust and lights from construction equipment and machinery and activities onsite.
- Motorists and bus commuters may experience changed traffic conditions, including speed limit restrictions, lane or shoulder closure, temporary loss of parking spaces, and other traffic control measures throughout the work site. It may cause delays and additional travel time for motorists.
- People who cycle and pedestrians should expect changed conditions including detours, intermittent closures and other traffic control measures throughout the work site. This may cause delays and additional travel time for people who cycle and pedestrians.
- Temporary reduced parking capacity may be experienced at the Carindale Shopping Centre interchange carpark, near the intersection of Old Cleveland Road and Creek Road.

Every effort will be made to minimise impacts on the local community and surrounds. TMR appreciates your patience and cooperation while these important works are carried out.

## **Further Information**

For up-to-date information on road closures and traffic conditions across Queensland, go to <u>www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au</u> or call 13 19 40.

If you require further information, please contact the Project team on

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Kind regards,

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