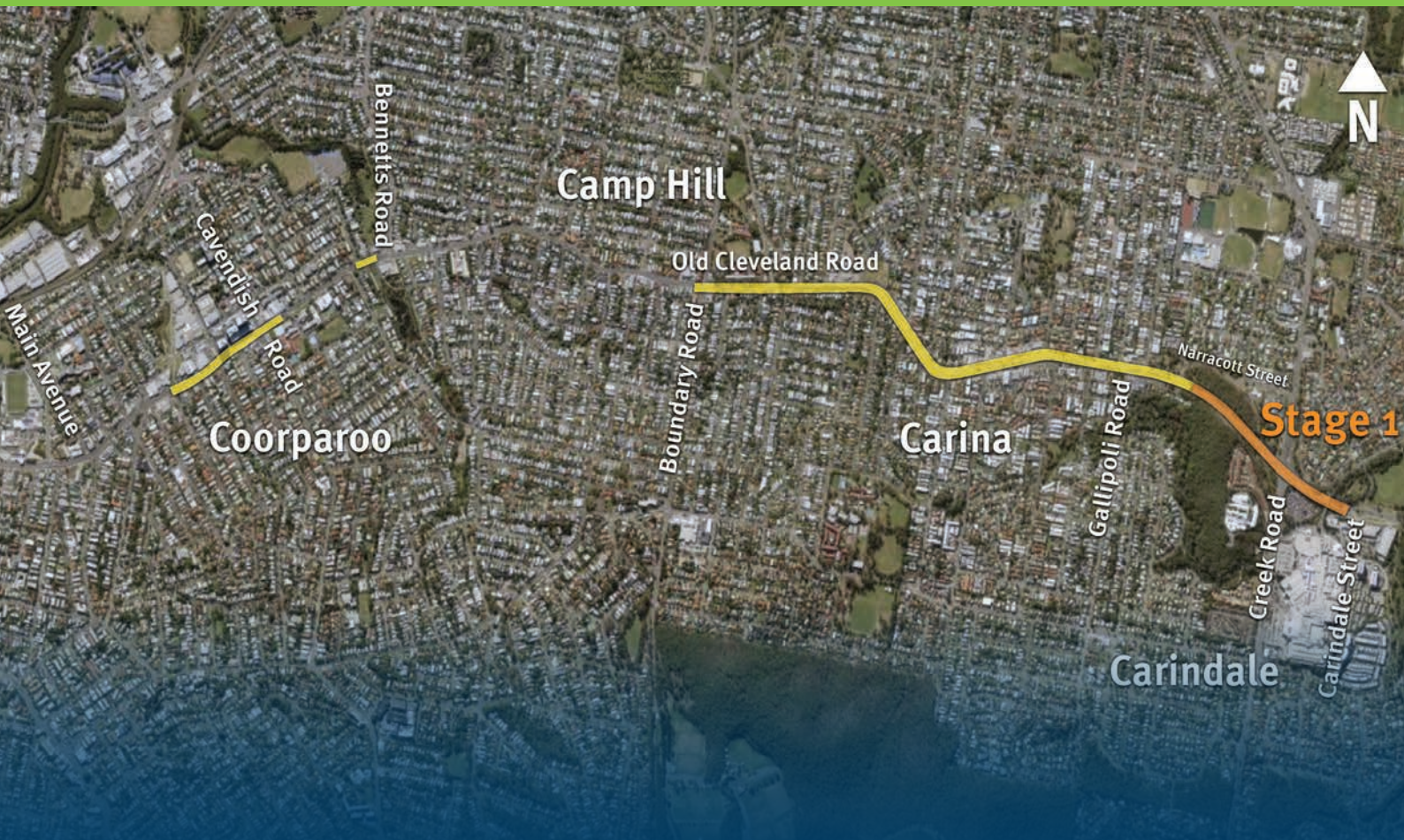


Eastern Transitway Stage 1 Consultation Summary

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Introduction

The Queensland Government is investing in the delivery of the Eastern Transitway.

This cost-effective solution will improve priority for public transport along Old Cleveland Road, from Coorparoo to Carindale, and aims to extend the benefits of the existing Eastern Busway.

Targeted bus priority measures will improve bus service reliability and bus travel times in peak periods, which will assist in managing congestion along the corridor. These measures will not reduce the number of general traffic lanes.

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.

Community participation

Community feedback was received through our online survey, via email, phone and at meetings. This included feedback from:



18 emails



176 online surveys completed



5 phone enquiries



6 group meetings



18 individual meetings

Consultation feedback summary

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) would like to thank the community for their feedback and input into the Eastern Transitway Stage 1 design.

Community consultation was completed between 29 June 2020 and 12 July 2020. Feedback was received through our online 'Get Involved' survey, via email, phone and at meetings.

Overall, the feedback received from consultation demonstrated the majority (60 per cent) of the community who responded to the survey supported the proposed Eastern Transitway Stage 1 design. Of those who did not support the design, 30 per cent stated the Eastern Busway was needed over the Eastern Transitway and 34 per cent stated they would be supportive of the design if environmental concerns and active transport design updates and minor inclusions were addressed.

Common themes in the comments received included:

People were supportive of the project to improve public transport reliability

"A dedicated bus lane through the Old Cleveland Road/Creek Road intersection will improve bus journey reliability."

"It looks like it will speed things up for buses that carry more people than cars, active transport and safety improvements."

"Brisbane is growing fast as a city. With more and more people wanting to live here we need affordable and quick services to cope with this growth."

The need for the Eastern Busway

"Support it, but eventually needs to be a busway."

"A busway along Old Cleveland Rd is long overdue. This main road has so few lanes it cannot cope with the volume of cars during peak hour. The bus gets stuck with the usual traffic, often resulting in over an hour of commute time to the Brisbane CBD for residents in Carindale even though the CBD is only 13 kilometres away."

"Busway to Capalaba is the best way to reduce congestion on Old Cleveland Road."

Other stages

"I agree with the design, but they need to progress to the next stages quickly."

"This first stage really doesn't seem to be delivering much, and it's hard to support it without seeing what the planned future stages are."



Consultation feedback summary

Environmental concerns

"I am very concerned about the threat to native vegetation and habitat, the locally refined koala habitat area and koala habitat restoration areas and the direct threat this poses to koalas and other native wildlife. If this project proceeds, it is of utmost importance that a variety of fauna movement solutions be incorporated. This area includes the protected Oates Hill Reserve/Phillips Creek corridor and is covered by State Koala mapping for the corridor linking Oates Hill and Bulimba Creek. Additionally, these areas are also covered by Matters of State Environmental Significance wildlife habitat (SEQ Koala habitat – locally refined)."

"I support the Stage 1 Design broadly, but believe that additional provisions for movement solutions for wildlife need to be added."

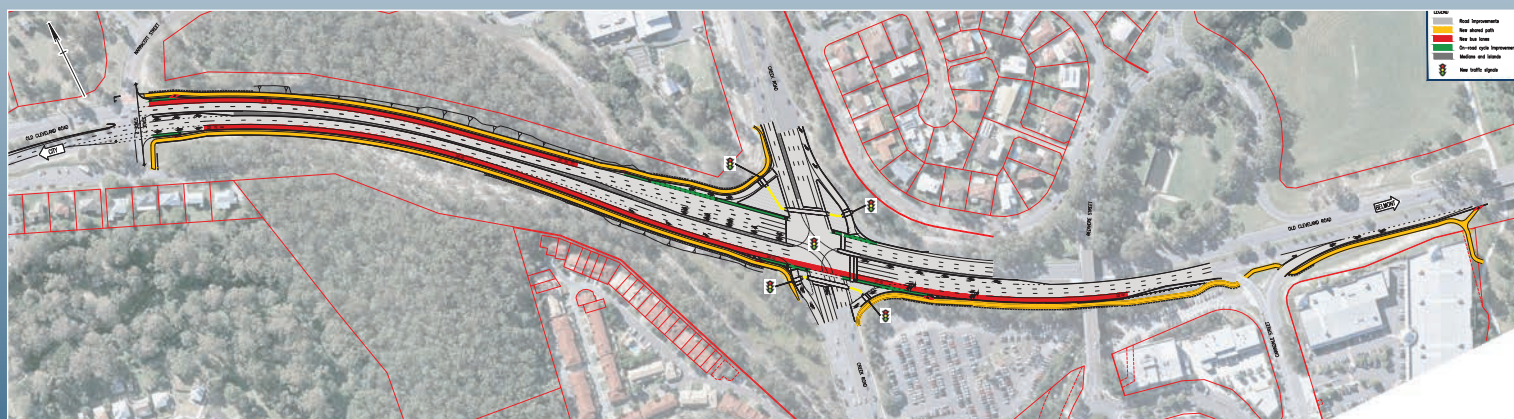
"I want to see greater protection for the existing green corridor, particularly for koalas as well as other wildlife and birds."

More than 92 per cent believed improvements to active transport facilities are required along the extent of Old Cleveland Road

"Safer bike lanes and pedestrian pathways make it easier for everyone not in a car to get around safely."

Eastern Transitway

Stage 1 Old Cleveland Road: Creek Road intersection to Narracott Street





Next step

TMR is working with Brisbane City Council and local environmental groups to understand the environmental sensitivities and develop mitigation treatments.

Community feedback, including active transport issues are being considered to finalise the design for Stage 1 of the Eastern Transitway.

The design for Stage 1 will be shared with the community via the project webpage at tmr.qld.gov.au/EasternTransitway

The project team will work closely with the community, local environmental groups and other stakeholders during construction.



Stay informed

To stay informed about the Eastern Transitway project outlined in this report you can visit the project webpage at tmr.qld.gov.au/EasternTransitway – email the project team at metropolitanregion@tmr.qld.gov.au or call **3066 4338** during business hours.