

# Northgate station park 'n' ride upgrade

## Proposed expansion of car park facilities

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The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is planning to expand parking facilities at Northgate station in response to high demand for commuter parking in the local area.

TMR has investigated a range of options to increase parking for customers, with four existing park 'n' ride sites at Northgate station considered for expansion.

Following preliminary investigations, TMR's current preferred option is to replace the existing carpark on Ridge Street and Holland Street with a multistorey parking facility to provide additional capacity.

This upgrade will provide:

- around 350 additional car spaces
- new bike storage facilities
- improved passenger amenities
- improved security through enhanced lighting and CCTV
- additional Persons with a Disability (PWD) parking spaces.

A summary of each of the four sites, and their suitability for expansion is provided on the next page.

#### **Benefits**

The Northgate station park 'n' ride expansion will:

- increase commuter parking spaces and access to Northgate station
- reduce overflow parking on surrounding streets
- enhance safety for customers with new lighting and CCTV
- help to achieve an integrated public transport network, allowing customers to connect with high frequency public transport where walking, bike riding and public transport options are limited.

#### **Timeline**

Consultation on the proposed upgrade was held from mid-October to mid-November 2021. The business case for the Northgate station park 'n' ride upgrade is expected to be complete by mid-2022.

Mid-2022 Further funding is required to progress the project to design and construction

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### **Background**

As a key location for customers accessing the public transport network, Northgate station experiences high demand for commuter parking, resulting in significant overflow into surrounding streets. Currently, there are four existing park 'n' ride facilities at Northgate station with more than 380 dedicated car parks.

TMR has investigated a range of options to expand parking for customers accessing the station.

Of the four sites reviewed, site D is recommended as the preferred site for a multi-storey carpark, due to its:

- large, rectangular shape (which is more efficient and reduces construction costs)
- separated entry and exit points, minimising localised congestion and traffic delays
- close proximity and good access to the train station, local bus stops and major roads
- existing surrounding land use (mostly light commercial), which would have less impact to the community.

The three park 'n' ride sites on the western side of Northgate station (sites A, B and C) are considered to be less desirable sites. These sites on the western side are located in a low-medium density residential area and two (B and C) are considerably smaller and irregular in shape, leading to higher construction costs. Site A offers a large shape in contrast to site D. However, its shape is irregular and would result in a complex, less efficient design and higher construction costs.



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