

## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3507-21 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 1 September 2021 about announcing a start date and a projected completion date for the proposed Lindum Rail Station overpass.

The Australian and Queensland governments and Brisbane City Council are working together to enhance the safety and efficiency of the transport network at the Lindum train Station precinct.

All levels of government have already worked cooperatively to deliver the Lindum Station Precinct Study (the Study), which was completed in late 2020. While the Kianawah Road level crossing was a key focus, the Study also investigated ways to enhance safety, efficiency and accessibility for all users of the precinct's transport network, including private vehicles, public transport patrons, pedestrians and bike riders. More information about the Study is available by visiting www.tmr.qld.gov.au and then using the Search bar, type in 'Lindum Station Precinct Study'.

As part of the Study, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) conducted public consultation to gain a better understanding of transport issues and provide an opportunity for the local community to suggest potential solutions. Community feedback and initial technical investigations identified a range of potential short-, medium- and long-term solutions.

Potential short-term solutions include upgrades to the level crossing and adjacent intersections (such as signalisation and local road upgrades), accessibility upgrades to Lindum Station, and expansion of Lindum Station park 'n' ride facilities. Potential medium-term solutions include a new active transport bridge across the rail line and improved pedestrian and bike riding paths across the precinct, with potential long-term solutions including road-rail grade separation, such as an overpass of the rail line.

In accordance with Study recommendations, the following detailed investigations are currently being undertaken:

- Brisbane City Council (responsible as the level crossing road authority) is working with Queensland Rail (responsible as the level crossing rail authority) to deliver initial Lindum Station level crossing safety upgrades as well as signalisation and intersection upgrades
- Queensland Rail and TMR are progressing Lindum Station accessibility upgrades and park 'n' ride facility expansion
- TMR—together with the Australian Government and Brisbane City Council—is leading the development of a preliminary business case, which will investigate potential options for road and active transport grade separation from the Cleveland rail corridor and planned active transport routes. Timeframes for the completion of this investigation are yet to be established.

Brisbane City Council is working with Queensland Rail to deliver initial safety improvements to the Lindum Station level crossing as a first step towards a phased solution for safety around this crossing. Initial safety upgrades, including installation of a new median island, extension of a current median island on Lindum Road, and new pavement and road line markings, are planned to start in November 2021, weather and site conditions permitting.

The Queensland Government has committed \$40 million for the Lindum Station upgrade and park 'n' ride expansion. The \$35 million station accessibility upgrade will include a new footbridge with lifts to improve access to the station for train customers without the need to use the pedestrian crossing. The \$5 million park 'n' ride expansion will deliver 70 additional car parks for commuters at the station. Queensland Rail—together with TMR—is continuing to progress planning and design for the upgrades.

The Australian Government has committed \$85 million and Brisbane City Council has committed \$40 million towards rail crossing solutions.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAILEY MP Minister for Transport and Main Roads