



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Bus Infrastructure

Hon. S. D. BREDHAUER (Cook—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Minister for Main Roads) (10.08 a.m.): The Beattie government is committed to increasing public transport use. Construction on stage 2 of the \$135 million Inner Northern Busway is well under way. The busway's stage 1 was completed in August 2001 during construction of the inner-city bypass. Construction on stage 2 began in September.

When completed it will run from Roma Street under the Normanby Fiveways, along the western boundary of the Victoria Park Golf Course, via Kelvin Grove's educational precinct, to the Royal Children's Hospital. Tunnelling under the Queensland Rail tracks near the corner of Countess and Roma streets is planned to start early in the new year. Work on a 290-metre long tunnel through the Victoria Park Golf Course will start this month. Construction on the QUT Kelvin Grove busway station is planned to start in the middle of next year. Once operational, the Inner Northern Busway will offer passengers a fast and reliable trip between the CBD and the Royal Children's Hospital.

Construction on the \$23 million Springwood bus station is also well advanced. The station is located in an area between the Pacific Motorway, Fitzgerald Avenue, Vanessa Boulevard and the Springwood Mall. This new public transport facility will deliver the world-class benefits of the South East Busway to Logan residents. As part of this project, changes will be made to the existing on and off ramps in the immediate vicinity of the bus station. New off ramps will be constructed to make access to the Springwood business district more accessible to all traffic. The decision to alter the Pacific Motorway access and exit routes was made after considerable consultation with businesses in the area. Shop owners in the area will benefit, as motorists and potential shoppers are provided with easy access to the many businesses that line the service road next to the motorway. Construction of the Springwood bus station started in April this year and is progressing well with the facility expected to be in operation by mid-2003.

Construction of an upgraded bus station at Capalaba is scheduled to start in February 2003. The government has been working with the Redland Shire Council to develop the design of the station. The Cultural Centre busway station structure will be removed from the Cultural Centre and reused as part of the Capalaba bus station works. The total cost of the project is approximately \$8.25 million, with Queensland Transport contributing \$3.2 million towards land acquisitions. The Department of Local Government and Planning is contributing approximately \$1.38 million towards streetscaping works, with the Redland Shire Council providing the remainder of the funds. The project is due for completion in August 2003.