



Speech by

# Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### Brunswick Street Station Upgrade

**Hon. PD BEATTIE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.48 am): I am pleased to announce to the House today that Bovis Lend Lease has been awarded the construction works contract for the Brunswick Street Station upgrade, giving the assurance that construction will begin next month. This confirms my statement to the House in March that the delayed construction would begin in June. I will happily unveil the final and detailed artist impressions later today with the minister for transport who has worked on this matter with me.

Queensland Transport and Queensland Rail reached formal agreement with the Valley Metro Centre owners, Lend Lease, allowing us to get on with the job of building the new station. I acknowledge Lend Lease for coming to the table during those negotiations. As the local member, I am pleased to see this project back on track. The sooner construction begins the sooner Valley residents will have the railway station they deserve. I seek leave to incorporate more details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The upgrade will deliver significant improvements to Brisbane's third busiest Citytrain station, Mr Speaker.

As well as the aesthetic improvements to the station—including community and school artwork and music-themed design to complement the vibrant, cultural Valley precinct—the upgrade will deliver improved accessibility.

The redeveloped station will provide commuters with a lift, escalator and stairway to each platform from the concourse at the retail level of the Valley Metro Centre, a ceiling throughout the platforms, brighter lighting and improved safety measures, new seating and improved directional and customer information signage.

Mr Speaker, all of these features will ensure the improved Brunswick Street Station will provide the facilities and amenity befitting such a busy station in the network, and befitting the lively community of the Fortitude Valley.