

Question on Notice

No. 647

Asked on 22 June 2022

DR C ROWAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Public Transport for the electorate of Moggill—

Will the Minister advise (a) if the State Government has undertaken any planning studies with identified solutions for commuter rail access and (b) if so, which specific localities have been identified, including potential linkages to either the Darra or Wacol train stations?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Moggill for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) understands the important role which public transport plays in delivering a more connected, integrated, and accessible public transport network for Queensland. The *South East Queensland Regional Transport Plans 2021* (SEQ RTP) outlines the strategic direction for the transport system within the region over the next 15 years. It can be accessed online at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/regionaltransportplans.

The Moggill Road corridor, between the suburbs of Moggill and Chapel Hill, has been identified as an existing frequent bus link in the SEQ RTP. It is currently serviced by the all-day bus route 444 (15-minute frequency) and the peak-only P443 route (10-minute frequency). During peak periods, these two routes provide residents of Moggill, Bellbowrie, Pinjarra Hills, Kenmore, and Chapel Hill a combined five-minute bus frequency to and from the Brisbane Central Business District (CBD).

TMR is planning to commence a passenger transport study within the electorate of Moggill in the 2023–24 financial year. The Kenmore to CBD Moggill Road Passenger Transport Access Study will investigate opportunities for infrastructure and network improvements on Moggill Road, between Bellbowrie and the Brisbane CBD, to support the provision of a more reliable, efficient and attractive passenger transport network that is accessible to everyone. This study will also investigate opportunities for bus feeder connections to passenger rail at Indooroopilly station.

With regard to investigating public transport connections from the suburbs of Moggill and Bellbowrie through to Wacol or Darra Station, the Member may be aware of recent Brisbane City Council (BCC) planning (June 2020) for a proposed Bellbowrie Green Bridge. The proposed active and public transport link from Bellbowrie would have permitted a public transport link through to Wacol station. BCC has concluded planning for this link without gaining community support and is no longer progressing this initiative. TMR is not planning to investigate these links and associated service changes at this time. A link to the Council Bellbowrie Green Bridge planning status can be accessed through the link online at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-and-transport/roads-infrastructure-and-bikeways/green-bridges/bellbowrie-green-bridge.