

**Question on Notice
No. 756
Asked on 18 June 2004**

MR REEVES asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Translink— will he outline the benefits to public transport users in the electorate of Mansfield from its introduction?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for his question.

One of TransLink's aims in overseeing the public transport system across South East Queensland is to standardise the fares and ticketing system. We are delivering an improved system that is easy to catch, and more importantly, one that is equitable and fair. By reducing approximately 200 different ticket types across 18 operators to approximately 30, with many bus fares, integrated trips and most CityCat ferry fares decreasing in price, an overwhelming majority of travellers are benefiting. For the electorate of Mansfield, located in TransLink zones 3, 4 and 5, Brisbane Transport and private bus operators Mount Gravatt Bus Service, Clarks Bus Service and National Bus Company have signed contracts in writing to come on board. Benefits of this partnership are:

- Decreases in bus fares from Mansfield to the City on Brisbane Transport services ranging from 40 cents (from Zone 3) to 60 cents (from Zone 4)
- An adult 10 trip ticket for two zones on a BT bus is now under \$20 – down to \$19.20 from the previous price of \$20.80 – a saving of \$1.60.
- Mt Gravatt Bus Service is fitted out with electronic ticketing equipment for the first time
- Students, including full-time university students attending approved courses, will now only pay 50% of the adult fare for buses, trains and ferries, instead of 75% of adult fares in some instances.
- Daily, weekly and monthly tickets offer passengers the flexibility to explore new travel options for their journeys, offering unlimited travel on participating buses, QR Citytrain and Brisbane City Council ferries.
- The new daily ticket replacing the old return ticket costs twice the single but allows unlimited travel within those zones on the day of issue.

In addition, the introduction of TransLink triggered the development of a Network Plan for South East Queensland which focuses on improving public transport services and infrastructure. The outcome of the plan will see a three-year rolling program to improve public transport between 2004 and 2007. For Mansfield this includes:

- Improved bus services
- Increased capacity on existing bus services
- Connecting services at key interchanges – including rail and ferry services
- More bus infrastructure – including bus stop upgrades and greater facilities at bus interchanges
- New bus priority measures – including on-board bus technology, 'queue jumping' for buses at traffic lights and additional bus lanes and transit lanes where appropriate.
- As can be seen there are many benefits for Mansfield under TransLink but also for the rest of South East Queensland.