

Question on Notice

No. 933

Asked on 31 August 2004

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the introduction of TransLink - How has this new initiative been received by the residents of the Kurwongbah Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the honourable member for her question about how TransLink has been received by the residents in the electorate of Kurwongbah. Most bus passengers in the Kurwongbah Electorate have experienced significant decreases in bus fares since the introduction of TransLink integrated ticketing. For example:

- students travelling from Eaton's Hill to Grovely TAFE, Keperra by bus pay \$1.40 compared with old fare of \$2.80, saving \$1.40;
- Petrie to Nambour by train costs \$7.60 for a single adult fare compared with the old fare of \$10.50, saving \$2.90;
- Strathpine to Shorncliffe by train costs \$2.80 for a single adult fare, saving \$1.00 compared with the old fare of \$3.80;
- a bus trip from Petrie to Peninsula Fair at Kippa-Ring costs \$2.40 for a single adult fare, a saving of \$2 compared with the old fare of \$4.40.

In addition, all full-time tertiary students, attending approved courses, have greatly benefited from integrated ticketing, paying only 50% of the adult fare on all TransLink services.

Integrated ticketing is just the first stage. Residents from the Pine Rivers Shire will see improved services and infrastructure over the next three years as part of the TransLink network plan, with TransLink implementing a \$7 million upgrade to meet the needs of the growing area. This will include:

- Develop a priority bus corridor between Petrie to Kippa-Ring, using high-frequency services and a mix of bus lanes, bus jump lanes and signal priority.
- Provide high-frequency spine services to link major shopping centres from Redcliffe to Chermside via Anzac Ave. This will also provide links to services operating from Chermside to destinations across Brisbane.
- Enhance bus services to better integrate at key rail stations including Petrie, Caboolture, Bray Park and Sandgate.
- Progressively expand the bus network to include new urban areas such as North Lakes, Caboolture, Burpengary, Narangba, Strathpine, Dakabin, Warner and Griffin.
- Improving bus-rail interchange facilities at key rail stations, including Petrie, Caboolture and Bray Park

- Improve park and ride facilities, including at Petrie, Narangba and Burpengary rail stations.

Kurwongbah Electorate residents will have an opportunity to provide TransLink with feedback on the network plan from October.