

Question on Notice

No. 442

Asked on 23 March 2005

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the benefits to Clayfield residents in using TransLink?

ANSWER:

The Beattie Government is delivering better public transport infrastructure and services across South East Queensland (SEQ) as part of the TransLink Network Plan. TransLink is now centrally planning all major routes, services, connections and infrastructure to help people reach their destinations more easily and more quickly, and to encourage people to leave their cars at home.

The TransLink Network Plan which the Premier launched for public consultation on 23 March provides a 10 year plan and detailed 3 year program of improvements to public transport services and infrastructure in SEQ.

The proposed service improvements in the Draft TransLink Network Plan represent an additional ongoing commitment of funding by State Government of up to \$38m annually.

Service improvements in the Clayfield electorate include a three month trial extension of the 303 service from Eagle Junction to the Aviation Maintenance Precinct and Myrtletown, which started on 4 April 2005, and \$380,000 a year for a new peak-period Cityxpress bus service between Hamilton and the City to cater for growing demand, starting in the financial year 2006-07.

Service improvements to be implemented in the Clayfield electorate for the period of 2004-07 are shown in Attachment 1.

Clayfield residents have also benefited from the first stage of a new integrated ticketing system and standardised fares, concessions, ticket types and zones across the region. Since July 2004 passengers now need only one ticket to take them wherever they want to go on participating buses, QR Citytrain and Brisbane City Council ferries, no matter which combination of modes they use to reach their destination.

Integrated tickets have resulted in a reduction in fares on many trips, particularly those involving a change of service operator or mode.

Since the introduction of TransLink on 1 July 2004, an extra 5.6m passengers have used public transport in SEQ compared to the same period last year. The first eight months surpassed expectations, with patronage up by 6.9% on the same period last year. More than 86m passenger trips were taken on TransLink services between July and February 2005.

On Brisbane Transport services, there has been growth in patronage in all areas since integrated tickets were introduced, and patronage in corridors where high-frequency services have been introduced increasing by up to 100% in twelve months.

The plan is being developed collaboratively with TransLink's business partners and key stakeholders, including State Government agencies, public transport operators, local Governments and members of parliament.

Households would have received a summary of proposed improvements in their local area via local newspapers, such as Quest newspapers. This will give users and non-users the chance to tell TransLink how to make public transport easier and more convenient for them.

I thank the Member for Clayfield for her question

ATTACHMENT 1

Service improvements in the Clayfield electorate by June 2007 include the following:

2006-7					
303 304	Eagle Junction	Myrtletown	A three month trial extension of the 303 service from Eagle Junction to the Aviation Maintenance Precinct and Myrtletown	4/4/05	\$170,000 per annum
305	Hamilton	City	Introduce a new peak-period Cityxpress bus service	2006-07	\$380,000