

## Question on Notice

No. 510

Asked on 20 April 2005

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

QUESTION:

- (1) What will be the benefits of the new TransLink to the Pumicestone Electorate?
- (2) Will the bus routes be expanded in the future?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for her question.

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

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

For the first time, TransLink has brought together the state and local governments and unified 18 transport operators to provide a single public transport network from Gympie North and Noosa on the Sunshine Coast to Coolangatta on the Gold Coast and west to Helidon.

TransLink integrated ticketing allows people to travel on participating buses, Citytrain and Brisbane City Council ferries using just one ticket across South East Queensland. With a TransLink ticket, passengers can transfer between all TransLink services at no extra cost and explore new travel options.

The advent of the new system means that fares and concessions are standardised, providing a more equitable solution for public transport users, and importantly gives people more choice in how they travel.

With the introduction of integrated ticketing, 86% of adult Kangaroo Bus Lines passengers and 96% of Bribie Island Coaches adult passengers experienced a decrease in fares.

The cost of travel for some Bribie Island residents to Brisbane City dropped from \$10.30 to \$6.00

A single adult ticket from Caboolture, Morayfield and Burpengary rail stations to Brisbane City decreased by 20 cents.

Furthermore, full-time students now only pay 50% for bus, train and ferry travel.

Since integrated ticketing, passenger journeys have increased in Caboolture, Morayfield and Bribie Island by 55% - more than 500,000 trips.

Caboolture Bus Lines and Bribie Island Coaches have experienced significant rises in passenger trips, with both companies more than doubling their number of passenger journeys.

2. TransLink has produced the TransLink Network Plan (TNP) to improve public transport across South East Queensland, from Noosa to Coolangatta and as far west as Helidon. The outcome of the plan is a three year rolling program for implementation between July 2004 and June 2007. The TNP includes actions to:

- make services connect by coordinating services and timetables at key interchanges;
- make services fast, frequent and reliable to cater for growth and encourage people to leave their cars at home;
- fill gaps in the network with new services and extend services to growing suburbs; and
- invest in infrastructure, including greater rail capacity, more bus and transit lanes, and better stations and stops.

The TNP also incorporates a ten year plan identifying longer term priorities for improvements to services and infrastructure.

Specific benefits to the Pumicestone electorate include proposed increase to the frequency of bus services on weekdays and weekends from Bribie Island to Caboolture. There are also plans for improved infrastructure with all bus stops being upgraded in the region and a plan for a new bus station at Bribie Island.