Question on Notice

No. 555

Asked on 21 April 2005

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

QUESTION:

What will be the benefits of the new TransLink to the Aspley Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for her question.

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 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 have received a summary of proposed improvements in their local area via local newspapers. This has given users and non-users of public transport the chance to tell TransLink how to make public transport easier and more convenient for them.

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 to be implemented in the Aspley electorate for the period 2004-07 are shown in Attachment 1. Rail passengers using Carseldine station will benefit from more train services on the North Coast line as new rolling stock becomes available.

Access to bus and train services will be improved by a number of infrastructure projects shown in Attachment 2. Since the release of the TransLink Network Plan, the government has also released the *South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2005-2026*. This includes a sum of $530 million for the Northern Busway from Enoggera Creek to Aspley and Bracken Ridge. The project will be constructed in stages, the first planned to start in 2006-07.

Aspley residents have already 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 what 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 6.7 million passengers have used public transport in SEQ compared to the same period last year. The first nine months surpassed expectations, with patronage up by 7.2% on the same period last year. More than 99 million passenger trips were taken on TransLink services between July and March 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.

ATTACHMENT 1

Service improvements in the Aspley electorate include the following:

2005-6					
680 (ex 11)	Redcliffe	Chermside	Create spine route with frequent services, and terminate at Chermside not Brisbane CBD.	20/6/05	$340,000
680 (ex 11)	Redcliffe	Chermside	Increase frequency of weekend services and improve timetable connections with trains at Petrie station.	20/6/05	$130,000
681 (ex 10)	New Mango Hill	Petrie train station	Provide a more direct route and extend through North Lakes and Mango Hill.	20/6/05	$117,000
682 (ex 12)	Kippa-Ring	Strathpine	Provide one extra early-morning service in each direction to cater for commuters to Brisbane.	20/6/05	$48,000
2006-7					
345	Aspley Hypermarket	City	Increase service frequency to at least every 10 minutes during peak periods and every 15 minutes off-peak.		$1,400,000
350	Albany Creek / Aspley	City	Provide additional peak-period services to cater for population growth in the Albany Creek area.		$100,000
2006-7					
333	Aspley Hypermarket	City	Extend service from Chermside to Aspley Hypermarket and increase service frequency to 5 minutes in peak periods.		$620,000
682A	Petrie train station	Mango Hill	Separate existing route into two routes to improve punctuality and provide a more direct route (see also route 682B). This service will form a two-way loop with route 681.		$114,000
682B	French's Forest	Petrie train station	Separate existing route into two routes to improve punctuality and provide a more direct route (see also route 682A).		
			TOTAL		**$2,869,000 per annum**

ATTACHMENT 2

Infrastructure projects in the Aspley electorate include the following:

2005-6		
Upgrade bus station at Aspley Hypermarket and construct new park & ride adjacent to bus station	Construction starts late 2005; completion date to be determined	$650,000
As part of the Northern priority bus corridor project, construct new park & ride in and around Marchant Park bounded by Ellison, Gympie and Murphy Roads	Construction and completion dates to be determined	$2,000,000
Expand park & ride at Carseldine train station	Construction and completion dates to be determined	$700,000
	TOTAL	**$3,350,000**