

Question on Notice

No. 1389

Asked on Thursday 2 November 2006

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Inner Northern Busway-

How will the provision of a Busway platform at the historic Roma Street Railway Station enhance the TransLink network?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for his question.

The \$333m Inner Northern Busway (INB) Queen Street to Upper Roma Street is the next vital link in the busway network.

The INB will provide an improved connection to the South East Busway by providing a dedicated busway between the Queen Street Bus Station and the existing Inner Northern Busway.

This project is on time and on budget with 20% of construction completed.

A new busway station will be built at the back of the Brisbane Transit Centre and adjacent to the historic Roma Street Railway Station. The new busway station at Roma Street will be the hub of the public transport network. It will provide a high quality integrated bus and rail interchange with 760 Citytrain services linking with over 3000 bus services per day.

Passengers will be able to interchange from bus to rail with one TransLink ticket, making it very convenient for people to travel around South East Queensland.

The new busway station will also connect local, intrastate and interstate bus and rail services at one convenient interchange.

For example, a passenger could travel to Sydney from Stafford in three transfers - TransLink bus to Roma Street busway station, Airtrain to Brisbane International Airport and airplane to Sydney.

In addition to the new busway station at Roma Street there will also be a new busway station at King George Square. This station will provide additional capacity to the Queen Street bus station allowing for increased bus services into the city centre.

The project from Queen Street to Upper Roma Street is expected to reduce travel times, saving up to nine minutes on normal traffic days and up to 20 minutes on heavily congested days for commuters travelling from the northern suburbs of Brisbane.

The busway when completed will connect the Inner Northern Busway with the South East Busway via the Queen Street Bus Station allowing travellers from the north of Brisbane to link directly to the south of Brisbane and to key locations like the university of Queensland.