

Thanks for your feedback

The Western Brisbane Transport Network Investigation is a Queensland Transport study guiding the development of the transport network for the western areas of greater Brisbane for the next 20 years.

It includes all transport types – public transport, roads, freight, walking and cycling – and is guided by the Queensland Government's South East Queensland Regional Plan.

In July 2007 we invited your comments on the draft Terms of Reference and the investigation.

Terms of Reference

The team received over 400 submissions and comments during the public comment period.

Frequently mentioned themes were:

- public transport infrastructure improvements
- freight
- community consultation.

The themes have been reflected in the final Terms of Reference which is now available on the investigation website at www.wbntni.net.au; or you can request a copy by phoning the investigation team on 1800 636 896.

The investigation

The team has received more than 1400 responses on the investigation. There were a range of issues identified including:

- congestion
- public transport
- road network suggestions
- sustainability and climate change.

Over the next few months the investigation team will look at a wide range of public transport, road, freight, walking and cycling scenarios and how they meet the needs of western Brisbane. These will be made available to the community for comment in April 2008.

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Your comments

A snapshot of some of your comments:

"Reliable public transport is the answer to congested roads." resident, Kenmore

"The struggles that I have had getting to and from work by car, over the last six years have intensified dramatically." resident, Karalee

"A higher value needs to be placed on alternate methods of transport – bike paths should be everywhere." resident, Chapel Hill

"The study needs to take into account environmental concerns especially in the western corridor that easily suffers from pollution as it is due to its geographical nature." resident, The Gap

"It's great to hear you are planning for transport needs – and not just cars and roads." resident, Woodend

"If Brisbane wants to remain Australia's most liveable city we need to adopt an innovative approach to transport and lifestyle in order to meet the challenges that lie ahead." resident, The Gap

Help us to plan for our future

Your feedback will play an important part in developing the investigation's outcome. See the back page for more information on how you can have your say on:

- the assessment framework
- transport scenarios.



**Inside:
What will our transport network
challenges be in 2026?**



What is the investigation and what does it involve?

What are we investigating?

The investigation is focusing on issues that have long term impacts for our transport network. It will look at the infrastructure needed for an efficient and sustainable future transport network.

All community feedback is welcome, however it is important to note that this investigation is not about solving traffic issues on local streets.

What is a transport network?

A transport network is the combination of roads, busways, railways, cycleways, footpaths and other infrastructure that enables the movement of people and goods throughout the region.

How are we investigating?

The investigation team is using a range of information to plan for our future transport needs in western Brisbane. This includes data such as:

- demographics (population and employment statistics)
- travel behaviour information
- existing government policy such as the South East Queensland Regional Plan and Local Growth Management Strategies
- community feedback



The study area

What tools are we using?

Our strategic transport model is a mathematical computer program used to forecast people's travel patterns within the region.

Detailed demographic information is sourced from a range of agencies, including the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Queensland Government's Planning Information and Forecasting Unit.

The demographics are entered into the model together with a computerised representation of a transport network. Based on this information the model forecasts how and where people will travel on the transport network in the future.

What is an assessment framework?

An assessment framework is used to measure transport scenarios against different factors to determine which are the most suitable.

How we assess the scenarios

There is a lot more to a transport network investigation than transport demand. To assess our scenarios we need to determine how they perform by applying different factors. For example:

- **geography** – landforms, terrain and water bodies
- **environment** – flora, fauna, air emissions, noise, natural heritage and areas of state significance
- **social** – safety, lifestyle and cultural heritage
- **land use** – zoning and urban planning
- **freight** – the movement of goods in the region
- **economics** – the cost of travel and the costs and benefits of improvement options.



We want your comments

Using the categories above, we have developed an assessment framework to help us plan our transport future.

For more information on this assessment framework visit our website or call us on 1800 636 896.



There are a range of factors being considered as part of the investigation.

What have we been working on?

What has the team been doing since July?

To develop a safer and more efficient transport network we need to have a clear understanding of both community concerns and the issues we are likely to face in 20 years time.

Since July 2007 our team has been building an understanding of the current and future transport issues in western Brisbane. The team has:

- finalised the Terms of Reference following community feedback
- expanded the focus on public transport and freight to reflect the finalised Terms of Reference
- gathered, analysed and tested data relating to travel patterns and demand
- worked with key state and local government stakeholders to share information and ensure a coordinated approach.

Community Liaison Groups (CLGs)

Two CLGs were created in September 2007 comprising a mix of community representatives from the study area, including residents, community groups and businesses. The CLGs receive progress briefings, provide feedback on different aspects of the investigation and represent community views regarding local issues, impacts and benefits.

Notes from the meetings are available on our website:
www.wbtnti.net.au



What do we need to consider?

The challenge is to develop a balanced transport network that uses all types of transport to their best advantage. It is important that by 2026 a lot of the additional trips are made by public transport, walking or cycling, to provide a balance with private vehicle trips.

Active transport

Active transport currently contributes about 10% to peak period travel to the Brisbane central business district.

Active transport, such as walking and cycling, is an important part of our transport network and the lifestyle we enjoy in south east Queensland.

Recent research shows that about 50% of car trips are five kilometres or less.

By having the right active transport facilities in place we can encourage people to walk or cycle instead of using their car.

What improvements are needed to encourage people to walk or cycle instead of using their car?

Roads

Based on current trends, the number of vehicles on south east Queensland roads will increase by 30-40% during the next 20 years.

Road corridors are used for public transport, private transport, cycling, walking and freight throughout the day.

The challenge is to get the balance right.

What road infrastructure improvements are needed to meet our growth now and in the future?

Features of western Brisbane

Geography

Western Brisbane is home to some of the region's significant environmental and geographical features, including Mt Coot-tha, Brisbane Forest Park and the Brisbane River.

Land use

Where people live, work, study and play determines the transport demand and the distances that people and goods have to travel on the network. People living in the western Brisbane region generally work outside the area: this leads to increased travel particularly to the Brisbane CBD.

How can we develop an efficient and sustainable transport network within these constraints?

Public transport

Public transport currently contributes about 40% to peak period travel to Brisbane's CBD. Other comparable cities are achieving greater than 70%.

Currently two thirds of western Brisbane public transport trips are provided by the Ipswich and Ferny Grove rail lines. Our challenge is to improve accessibility to the rail system.

Buses in western Brisbane share the road with other traffic. This means that public transport services are impacted by congestion.

How can we get the most out of bus and rail services in the investigation area?

Freight

Freight volumes are expected to double during the next 20 years.

A large part of this increase is predicted to include the pick up and delivery of goods in the Brisbane area rather than long haul freight.

This means that in 2026 a large number of trucks will still need to use the suburban road network to deliver supplies to local shopping centres and businesses.

How can we accommodate this additional freight demand safely and efficiently in the western Brisbane region?

Community feedback opportunities



Contact the team

We'd like to hear from you. Please contact us with your questions or feedback:

- Phone:** 1800 636 896
- Email:** info@wbtni.net.au
- Write:** Western Brisbane Transport Network Investigation Reply Paid 246 Spring Hill Qld 4004
- Visit:** www.wbtni.net.au
- For people of non-English speaking backgrounds
- Interpreter:** 13 14 50, or
- Visit:** www.qld.gov.au/other_languages/index.html
- TTY: 13 36 77

Upcoming consultation

Comment on the assessment framework

During February 2008 you can visit public displays or contact the investigation team to comment on the investigation's assessment framework. (See below for more details.)

Visit our public displays

Public displays will be held during February. Team members will be available to answer your questions during the following times: **Monday 9am - 1pm, Thursday 4pm - 8pm, Friday 10am - 2pm, Saturday 10am - 2pm.** * The Gap public displays are Thursday, Friday and Saturday only.

Location	Date
Redbank Redbank Plaza, Collingwood Drive	4 - 9 February 2008
Strathpine Westfield Shopping Centre, Gympie Road	11 - 16 February 2008
The Gap* The Gap Village Shopping Centre, 1000 Waterworks Road The Gap Soccer Club, Walton Bridge Reserve, Glen Affric Street	14 and 15 February 2008 16 February 2008
Chermside Westfield Shopping Centre, Gympie Road	18 - 23 February 2008
Indooroopilly Indooroopilly Shopping Centre, Moggill Road	25 February - 1 March 2008
Information day – Toowong Bowls Club Corner Heroes Avenue and Gailey Road, Taringa	1 March 2008 10am - 2pm

Information will also be available at selected libraries throughout February and March 2008.

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| Ashgrove Library | Esk Shire Library | Kilcoy Shire Library |
| Brisbane Square Library | Indooroopilly Library | Lowood Shire Library |
| Caboolture Shire Library | Ipswich City Library | Mitchelton Library |

Comment on scenarios

In April 2008 the team will present a range of transport scenarios for community comment. These scenarios will be a description of what our transport future could look like and the different network options available to meet our future transport needs.

Look for more information about the transport scenarios in your letterbox, your local newspaper and on the investigation website during April 2008.

Fact sheets available on our website:

- Investigation overview
- Assumptions and constraints
- Land use planning
- Transport modelling
- Assessment framework
- The role of public transport
- The role of active transport
- The role of the road network
- Freight
- What is a scenario?