

# Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail

**Including Loganlea Station Relocation** 

**Engagement Summary** 

13 November to 10 December 2023

August 2024









# Acknowledgement

The Department of Transport and Main Roads respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land and waterways.

We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

TMR recognises those whose ongoing effort to protect and promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures will leave a lasting legacy for future First Nations people.



Artwork ''Travelling" by Gilimbaa

# **Engagement summary**

The Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail (LGC) project will connect growing communities with more frequent and reliable train services between Brisbane, Logan and the Gold Coast.

Key features of the project include:

- approximately 20 kilometres of new tracks and rail systems between Kuraby and Beenleigh station, doubling the corridor from two to four tracks and removing a critical network bottleneck
- improved customer accessibility with upgrades to stations, bus stops and park 'n' ride facilities between Kuraby and Beenleigh, including Loganlea, to be delivered as part of the Loganlea Station Relocation (LSR) project
- significant safety improvements with five level crossing removals at Kuraby, Woodridge, Bethania, Holmview, and Beenleigh, and new road infrastructure
- new and improved active transport (bike riding/ walking) facilities and pathways linking to stations and local communities.

Between 13 November and 10 December 2023, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) delivered engagement activities for the LGC project to seek community feedback on the latest designs.

Activities included an online engagement hub with:

- surveys
- an interactive map
- a Q&A tool
- a project flythrough video.

In-person information sessions were also held at key locations along the project corridor to provide face-to-face engagement opportunities with the community and stakeholders. Thank you to everyone who shared valuable local knowledge and feedback on the latest designs. Your valuable insights will help to inform procurement activities currently underway, as well as further design development once contractors are appointed.



# **Key themes**

The following key themes emerged from the feedback collected across the corridor:

- Future journeys and travel times
- Station upgrades and accessibility improvements
- Active transport connectivity and access
- Bus connections
- Property impacts
- Parking
- Environmental considerations
- Project timeline and disruption management
- Construction impacts and management
- Road changes.

It is acknowledged that this report cannot cover detailed discussions from the consultation process. However, all feedback received during consultation has been formally recorded and considered.

# **Engagement snapshot**



# Who we engaged with

- Residents and community
- Queensland Rail customers and station staff
- ✓ Elected representatives
- ✓ Local councils
- ✓ Businesses
- ✓ Environmental groups
- ✓ Key interest groups

# How you participated

- ✓ 50+ Q&As
- √ 900 + in-person interactions
- √ 30,000+ online hub views
- $\checkmark$  280+ phone calls
- $\checkmark$  180+ emails
- ✓ 323 surveys completed
- ✓ 13 formal submissions from key stakeholders



# What you told us along the corridor

# Legend

Roads

Kuraby



Existing rail line



Proposed straightened section of track

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### **Stations**

- Strong support for the station upgrades, and the accessibility and safety improvements the project will deliver.
- The community agrees the station designs look modern and visually appealing.
- Strong interest in station access including park 'n' rides and connection to stations via bus services.
- Strong interest in future journeys and travel times.

### **Level Crossings**

- Support for level crossing removals and improvements to safety and traffic congestion.
- Concern regarding access changes, intersection upgrades and traffic management from the Spanns Road level crossing closure south of Holmview station.
- Interest in how pedestrian access will be maintained across the rail corridor at Beenleigh Road, Kuraby and Station Road, Bethania.



# **Accessibility**

- Strong support for easy access to and from stations, as well as across the rail corridor.
- Support for station lifts, raised platforms, increased accessible parking spaces and improved cross-corridor connections.





Station upgrade

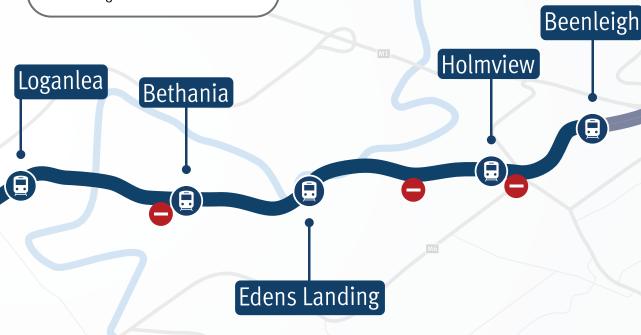


Level crossing removal

### Construction

General interest in construction including:

- timings
- methodology
- impacts changes to road and rail access
- how notifications to the community will be managed during construction.



### **Environment**

- Strong interest in management and protection of the environment.
- Consideration of existing flooding impacts and waterway management across the whole project corridor.
- Interest in noise, vibration, dust and light management during construction and future operation.

# **Active Transport**

- Strong support for a continuous active transport path between Kuraby and Beenleigh stations.
- Interest in active transport bridges and connection points throughout the project corridor.
- Feedback on safety, design, accessibility and wayfinding.

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# Stations and surrounds



# Kuraby



### What you told us

- Feedback about improving connections and walkability around Kuraby station and to key locations including Kuraby Mosque, Kuraby State School and residential areas.
- Suggestions for increased park 'n' ride facilities at Kuraby station and better access between accessible parking spaces and station entry point.



# What we are doing

- Providing footpaths on both sides of the road-over-rail bridge on Beenleigh Road to improve walkability.
- Continuing to investigate ways to improve walkability of the area.
- Reviewing park 'n' ride facilities across the whole project corridor to balance the need for parking with the land available at stations.

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# **Trinder Park**



# What you told us

- Feedback about pedestrian connections to and from the relocated Trinder Park station and suggestions for access from Acacia Road.
- Feedback regarding environmental management through Acacia Forest and the surrounding area, and environmental offsets.



# What we are doing

- Undertaking investigations into pedestrian connectivity from Trinder Park station to Acacia Road.
- Progressing environmental approvals, in line with Australian Government requirements.



83%\*

agree the removal
of the level
crossing at
Beenleigh Road,
Kuraby and
supporting
upgrades will
improve road safety

<sup>\*</sup>Percentage relates to number of survey respondents.



# Woodridge



# What you told us

- Strong support for the new, wider underpass at Woodridge station to better connect Railway Parade and Station Road, and to improve safety.
- Interest in changes to on-street parking, park 'n' ride location, and precinct planning opportunities as a result of the upgraded station.



# What we are doing

- Continuing to identify opportunities for enhancements at Woodridge station, including public art.
- Retaining as much on-street parking as possible.



# **Kingston**



# What you told us

- Suggestions to better integrate
   Kingston station with bus
   connections and pedestrian paths.
- Better integration and connection with Kingston Butter Factory.



# What we are doing

 Exploring opportunities for better connections with public and active transport, as well as with the local precinct.

73% \*
agreed that
Woodridge station
design includes
features to improve
accessibility



45% \*
report using active transport between Kuraby and Beenleigh one to five days a week



# Stations and surrounds



# Loganlea



# What you told us

- Supportive of station relocation, and better connections with Logan Hospital, Loganlea State High School and the TAFE Queensland campus.
- Strong interest in park 'n' ride facilities, given the popularity of Loganlea station and increased demand for train services.
- Interest in road changes and suggestions to improve flow of traffic.



# What we are doing

- Due to funding outcomes, TMR has reviewed the design and will provide an at-grade park 'n' ride at the new station, matching the current number of spaces available.
- In addition, TMR is continuing to investigate options to improve connections to Loganlea station, including access to the station by bus, retaining some parking spaces from the existing park 'n' ride, and working with council to identify other land opportunities for development.
- TMR has undertaken a traffic impact analysis to ensure that any changes to the road network do not worsen current traffic conditions.



# **Bethania**



# What you told us

- Support for station accessibility upgrades, and connections across Logan River towards Loganlea.
- Strong interest in local road changes from the Station Road level crossing closure.
- Feedback about past flood events.
- Interest in cross-corridor pedestrian access and active transport connections.
- Strong support for maintaining important local facilities including the community centre, aquatic centre, and shops.



# What we are doing

- Investigating ways to better align Page Street and its connection from Station Road to Federation Drive.
- Continuing to undertake flood modelling and detailed assessments to ensure designs are informed by the latest information.
- Exploring improved cross-corridor and active transport connections.
- Continuing to develop the design to ensure key facilities, such as the aquatic centre, are maintained and any impacts are mitigated by the project.







# 7 Edens Landing

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# What you told us

- Feedback about park 'n' ride design and suggestion of more parking spaces to make it easier for people to access the station.
- Interest in active transport corridor connection points through this area.



# What we are doing

- Reviewing park 'n' ride facilities across the whole project corridor to balance the need for parking with the land available at stations.
- Exploring connection points with the active transport corridor.

over
50% \*
use Loganlea
station for
travelling to
work or home

88%\*
travel by car on a
daily basis through
the Logan area

# 8 Holmview



# What you told us

- Community feedback regarding the closure of Spanns Road level crossing and changes in access for residents and businesses.
- Valuable local knowledge shared on flooding and impacts to access during major flood events.



# What we are doing

- Reviewing feedback about station location and operation.
- Further assessment of traffic movements and road operations in the area to help inform future stages of design.
- TMR is aware of flood events at various locations along the project corridor and is continuing to undertake flood modelling and detailed assessments to ensure designs are informed by the latest information.

\*Percentage relates to number of survey respondents.

# Stations and surrounds



# Beenleigh



# What you told us

- Support for the Beenleigh station relocation and concept design.
- Feedback about the need for adequate parking, given the popularity of the station.
- Suggestions for improved station entry points and connectivity with Zander Street and the town square.



# What we are doing

- TMR is continuing to investigate parking solutions at the new Beenleigh station, and better public transport connections to support improved access to the station.
- TMR is investigating opportunities to further integrate Beenleigh station with the surrounding area and key locations.

65% \* travel by train at least once a week

25% \* live in and around Beenleigh

80% \* approximately

80% \*
approximately
use either
Beenleigh or
Loganlea station

<sup>\*</sup>Percentage relates to number of survey respondents.

# What we heard



There should be consideration of a direct connection to Wally Tate Park paths so users don't have to travel all the way around the carparks to get to the station. - Kuraby resident



I think that by upgrading this level crossing would ensure traffic isn't backed up, especially if needing to getting in and out of places surrounding the area. - Kuraby resident



Connecting Acacia Road to Smith Road will be the game changer for the area, looking forward to it. - Trinder Park resident



The overpass should include segregated cycle path as well as continued segration of a km or 2 on each side of the overpass.

- Bethania resident



Excellent, a wide straight-through safe underpass will be a great addition to the station, and should be adopted on any new station designs where suitable. - Woodridge resident



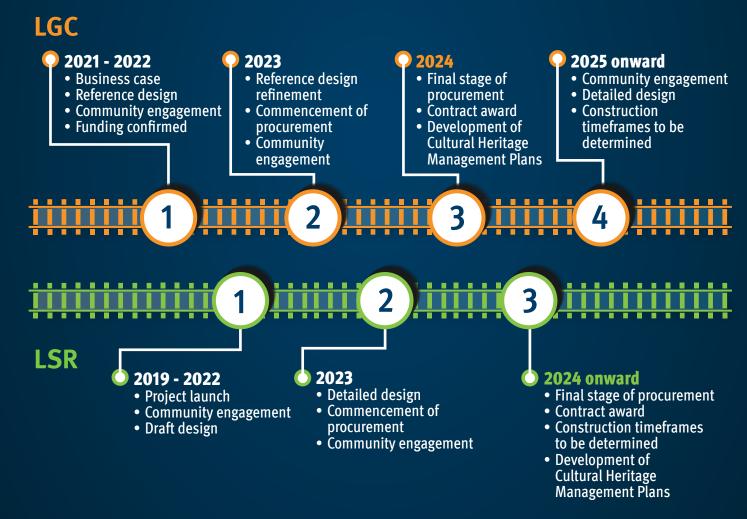
Fantastic idea. Will use active transport more frequently. I am an OT (Occupational Therapist) and this will improve community access for my clients. - Active Transport user

# **Next steps**

Community feedback on the LGC reference design will help to inform procurement activities currently underway, as well as further design development once contractors are appointed.

We will keep the community updated on outcomes and opportunities for further input.

# **Project timeline**



Future dates are anticipated only and subject to change.

# **Stay informed**

Keep up to date with the latest project information by signing up for project updates via our website, tmr.qld.gov.au/logangoldcoastrail or emailing us at logangoldcoastrail@tmr.qld.gov.au.

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# Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail

# **Consultation summary**

In September and October 2021, community consultation was undertaken on the proposed Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail project.

The project will upgrade a key part of the South East Queensland (SEQ) rail network, allowing for more frequent and reliable services between Brisbane, Logan and the Gold Coast.

Thank you to everyone who provided their feedback which will help refine the project and inform future design work.

The project remains in the planning phase and is subject to further approvals by the Australian Government and Queensland Government.

information

pop-ups

2200+ community interactions

### How we consulted



8 week consultation period



community information sessions



25,000 newsletters delivered



stakeholder and property owner meetings

# How people participated



comments on



survevs



letters out



phone calls



emails





feedback



people engaged face-to-face



formal submissions



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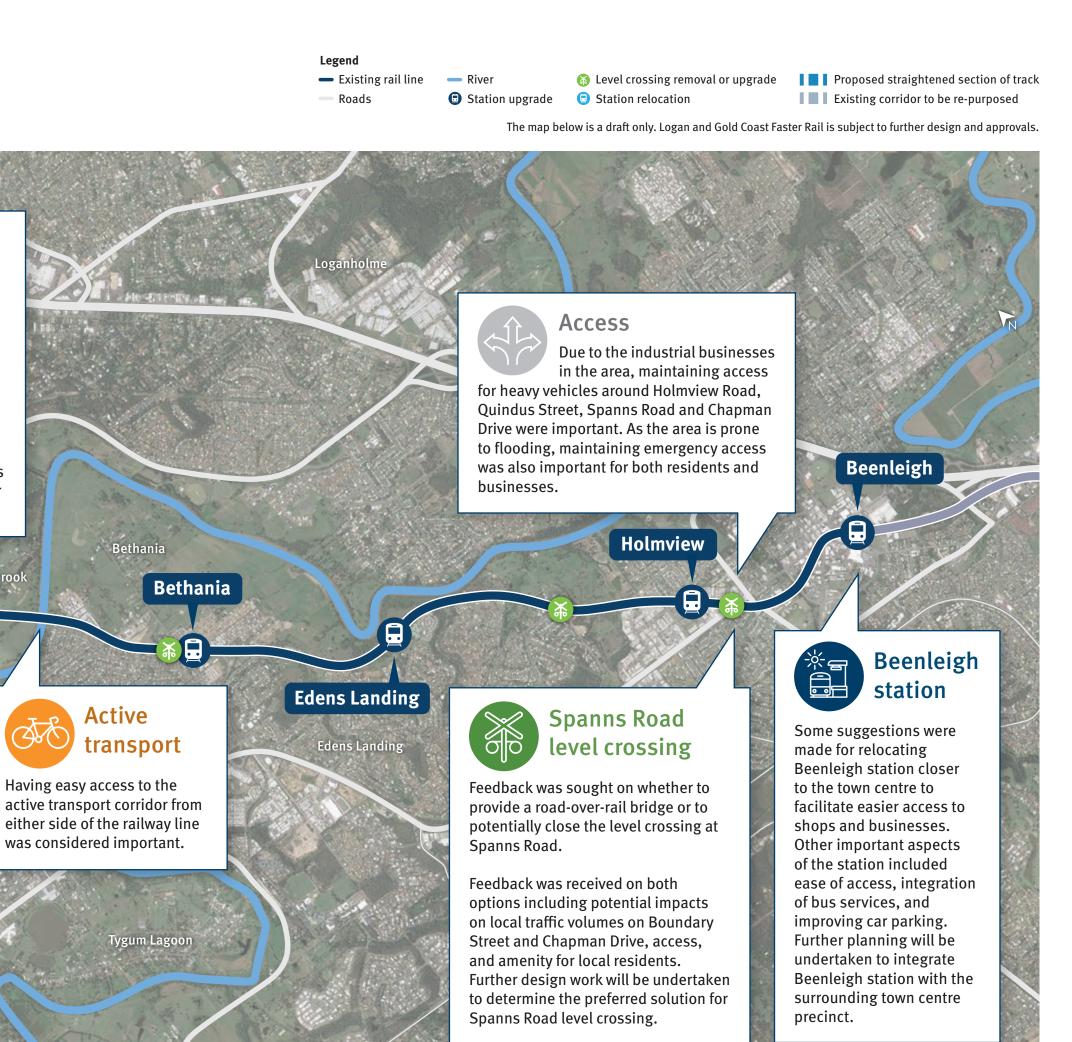
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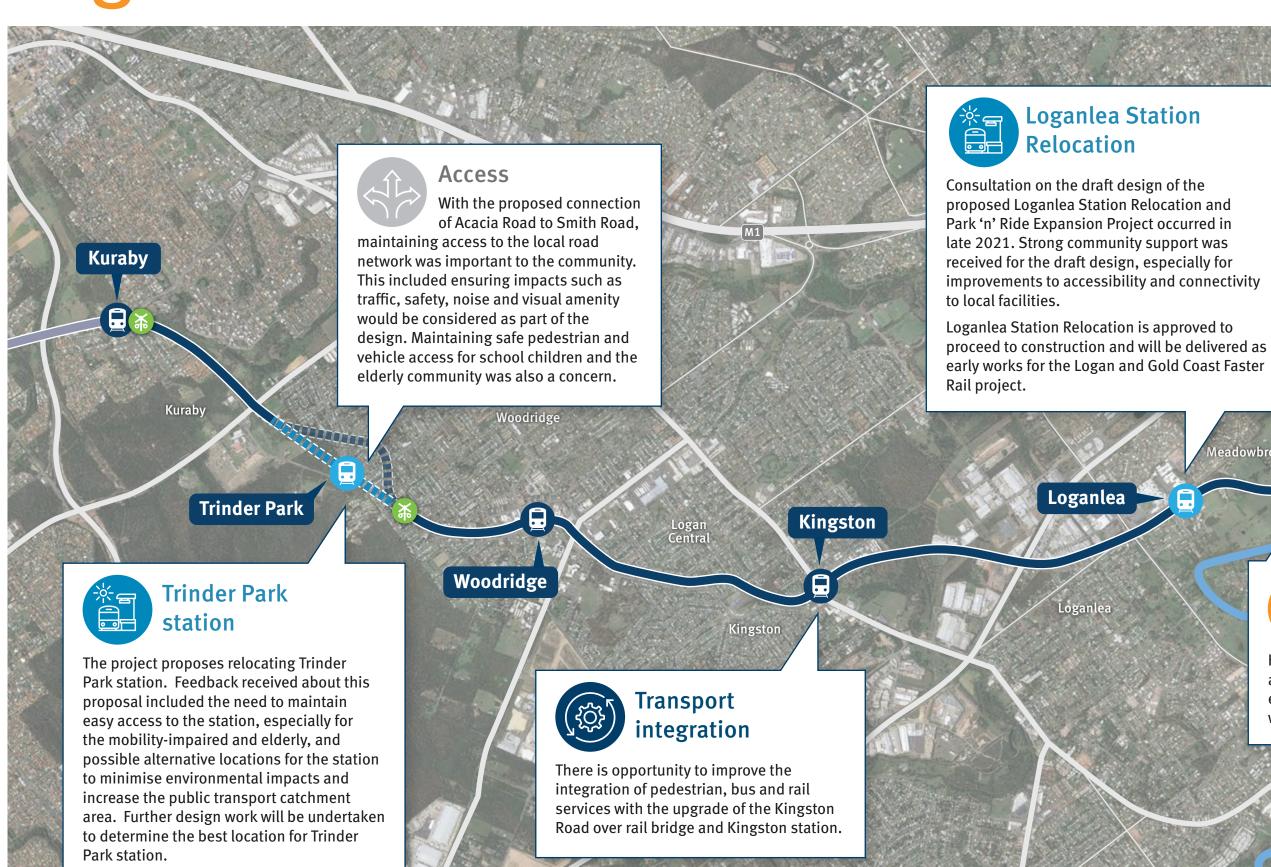
**Loganlea Station** 

Relocation

Loganlea

Active







# What you told us

Community members and stakeholders told us their top priorities for the Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail project are:



### More, and faster, train journeys

People in the Logan and Gold Coast area rely on train services to connect them to jobs, education, health, and other essential services. They would like to see more train services and faster journey times.



### **Upgraded stations**

There was strong support for all stations between Kuraby and Beenleigh to be upgraded with modern facilities so all customers can access the stations easily. Being able to travel from one side of the rail corridor to the other side was also important. Where stations are in high traffic areas, separating pedestrians and vehicles to provide safe access to stations is a key factor.



### **Integrated station precincts**

There was strong support for integrating stations with nearby shops, facilities, and essential services to create community-focused spaces and precincts.



### Improved access and safety

Maintaining access to stations, minimising traffic impacts from changes to local road networks, visual, safety, and noise considerations are all important aspects of the design to the community. Maintaining safe pedestrian and vehicle access for school children and the elderly community is also important.



### **Active transport**

An active transport corridor that connects with existing pedestrian and local cycle links is supported by the community.



### **Level crossing upgrades**

There was support for removal of level crossings to improve traffic congestion and safety.



### **Minimising property impacts**

Minimising the number of properties impacted by the project design and proposed construction where possible is important.

# **Project need**

South East Queensland's (SEQ) population is expected to grow by an extra 1.2 million people living in the region by 2036. To harness this growth and support our region's thriving communities we must keep evolving the rail network so that it plays a bigger role in moving people around SEQ.

Currently, trains between Kuraby and Beenleigh share a single track in each direction, limiting the number of services that can run during peak times. Jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments, the Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail project proposes to increase the number of tracks between Kuraby and Beenleigh from two to four, with modernised rail systems, station upgrades and level crossing removals.



# **Project benefits**



A plan for faster rail, providing more frequent and reliable services



Space for more new trains, moving people quickly and comfortably



Less time waiting at stations



A more efficient local road network, through intersection upgrades and level crossing removals



Improved accessibility to, from and within stations



Better connectivity across the rail corridor



More park 'n' ride facilities



Improved connections along the corridor for pedestrians and cyclists



New signalling technology, allowing more trains to run more often, enhancing capacity and safety

# **Next steps**

Engagement with the community and stakeholders has highlighted a diverse range of feedback and local insights to help shape the project.

This feedback will be considered in refining the proposed project design. Further consultation will occur with the community and stakeholders on targeted aspects of the design as it is refined to address potential impacts and to identify opportunities for the project.

The project remains in the planning phase and is still subject to further approvals by the Australian Government and Queensland Government.

Project launch

Completed Sept 2021

Community consultation
Completed late 2021

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Refine design and planning 2022

Design and delivery
Subject to government approval

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