



Adrian Schinner

Lord Mayor

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Community consultation kicks off for new bridges

Brisbane is one step closer to five new bridges taking cars off the road and giving people a new way to travel, with Brisbane City Council now seeking community feedback on the transformational \$550 million plan.

Lord Mayor Adrian Schinner said he had a vision for a cleaner, greener and more active Brisbane and these new bridges would tackle traffic congestion by improving cross-river public and active transport connections.

“These five bridges will transform Brisbane and make us an active, healthy and better connected city,” he said.

“My very first act as Lord Mayor was to announce this plan and I am now handing the planning over to the people of Brisbane as we want to hear the community’s thoughts on the proposed alignment of the bridges.

“The community is crucial in the planning and delivery of these five bridges, as this infrastructure will transform the way residents and visitors get around Brisbane.

“The business case for the first bridge, a pedestrian bridge connecting Kangaroo Point to the CBD, outlined that the bridge would result in 83,950 fewer car trips using river crossings each year.

“With the preliminary business case for the Kangaroo Point Bridge now complete, it’s time to start planning for the other for cross-river connections.

“Brisbane currently has more than 2.2 million residents and 1300 people move to our great city each month.

“We know Brisbane is a great place to live, work and relax and these bridges are critical infrastructure to ensure as Brisbane grows, we remain a well-connected city.”

Cr Schinner said community consultation would run from November 11 to 6 December and would include a variety of ways for people to have their say, including 12 information sessions.

“Community and stakeholder feedback will play a critical role in the planning for the bridges and people can provide feedback face-to-face with the project team at one of the information sessions, complete an online survey of contact Council via its website, phone, email or post,” he said.

“I want residents to have more choice when it comes to travel and I’m looking forward to hearing their feedback on our plans to make it even easier for people to get around Brisbane on public transport, bike or foot.

“I encourage everyone to have their say on the possible bridge design and alignments and help us plan these exciting new connections that will make Brisbane better connected and easier to get around.”



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BACKGROUND:

- Brisbane City Council will fund at least two-thirds of the project and seek contributions from the State and Federal Government for the balance of the funding.

DETAILS OF THE FIVE NEW GREEN BRIDGES:

- **Kangaroo Point Bridge - Pedestrian/cycle bridge.**
 - Alice/Edward Street roundabout near the City Botanic Gardens, to Scott Street at Kangaroo Point
- **Toowong to West End Bridge – pedestrian/cycle/ potential public transport bridge.**
 - Near Archer Street in Toowong to Orleigh Park near Forbes Street in West End
- **St Lucia to West End Bridge – pedestrian/cycle/ potential public transport bridge**
 - Keith Street in St Lucia to Boundary Street at West End.
- **Breakfast Creek Bridge – Pedestrian/cycle bridge**
 - Kingsford Smith Drive at Albion to Breakfast Creek Road at Newstead
- **Bellbowrie Bridge – potential pedestrian/cycle/public transport bridge, emergency access.**
 - River end of Weekes Road at Bellbowrie to Grindle Road at Wacol

**proposed alignments are not final and subject to further investigations and community and stakeholder feedback.*

OTHER GREEN BRIDGES:

- These new green bridges will complement the conversion of Victoria Bridge to a green bridge for the Brisbane Metro with additional space for pedestrians and cyclists.
- The Neville Bonner Bridge, built by Star, will connect pedestrians from Queen's Wharf Brisbane to South Bank.
- In 2006, Brisbane City Council delivered Australia's first pedestrian, cycle and bus bridge - the Eleanor Schonell Bridge – connecting Dutton Park and the University of Queensland.

INFORMATION SESSIONS:

| Date | Time | Location |
|---------------------------|----------|---|
| Thursday 14 November 2019 | 11am-2pm | Reddacliff Place, 266 George Street, Brisbane City |
| Saturday 16 November 2019 | 7am-12pm | Davies Park Markets, West End |
| Monday 18 November 2019 | 4-7pm | South Brisbane Sailing Club, West End |
| Tuesday 19 November 2019 | 4-7pm | Ground level foyer, Queensland Multicultural Centre, 102 Main Street, Kangaroo Point |
| Friday 22 November 2019 | 10am-1pm | St Lucia Community Hall, 27 Guilfoyle Street, St Lucia |
| Saturday 23 November 2019 | 10am-2pm | Captain Burke Park, 117 Holman Street, Kangaroo Point |
| Monday 25 November 2019 | 3-6pm | Toowong Library, Toowong Village Shopping Centre, 9 Sherwood Road, Toowong |
| Tuesday 26 November 2019 | 10am-1pm | Queen Street Mall main stage, Brisbane City |
| Thursday 28 November 2019 | 10am-2pm | Bellbowrie Mobile Library, Bellbowrie Shopping Plaza, 37 Birkin Road, Bellbowrie |
| Saturday 30 November 2019 | 2-8pm | Bretts Wharf, Hamilton |
| Sunday 1 December 2019 | 8am-3pm | Riverside Markets, City Botanic Gardens, Alice and Albert streets, Brisbane City |
| Tuesday 3 December 2019 | 3-6pm | City Botanic Gardens near the Alice/Edward Street roundabout, Brisbane City |

[Ends] 14 NOVEMBER, 2019