

Boundary Road (Coopers Plains) rail level crossing project

Community Update

November 2022

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is committed to improving safety and reducing congestion at the Boundary Road rail level crossing at Coopers Plains.

The Boundary Road (Coopers Plains) rail level crossing is crossed by three train tracks servicing the Beenleigh and Gold Coast rail lines. The crossing is considered one of South East Queensland's most congested crossings.

There are around 202 scheduled train services per day through the crossing. This results in significant delays to traffic on Boundary Road at the level crossing throughout the day, especially during the morning and afternoon peak periods.

The business case is now complete and confirmed with the cost estimate for the project at \$399 million. There is \$306 million in committed funding, leaving a \$93 million funding shortfall currently.

Current funding

Australian Government	\$133 million
State Government	\$133 million
Brisbane City Council	\$40 million

Community consultation outcomes

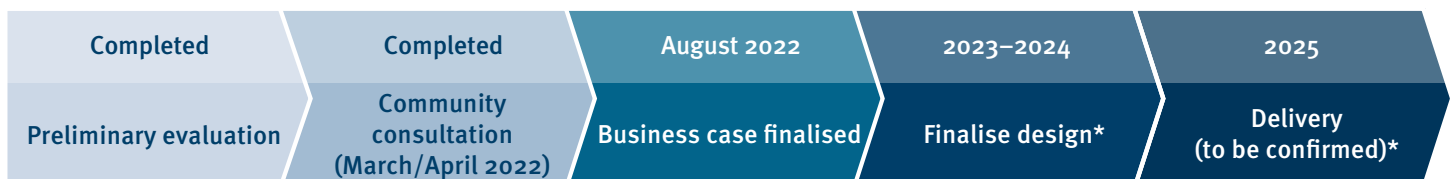
Community consultation seeking feedback on two concept design options commenced on 7 March 2022 and closed on 24 April 2022. Consultation included meetings with elected representatives, residents and businesses, key community groups, active transport groups and community information sessions.

During the consultation period 664 individual stakeholders were identified from 891 pieces of feedback. Some stakeholders submitted multiple pieces of feedback via a variety of methods.

- Option 1 – overpass – 20 per cent
- Option 2 – overpass and three-way intersection – 65 per cent
- Neither option – 6 per cent
- No opinion – 9 per cent

Some of the key themes from the feedback included the need to retain and improve local connectivity, access to private residences and businesses, reduce or discourage heavy vehicles movements, improve active transport connections and safe pedestrian crossings and the importance of addressing traffic congestion and delays.

Next stages



*subject to further project funding and approvals



Preferred option for business case – Boundary Road overpass and three-way elevated intersection

The preferred design is based on feedback received during consultation and ongoing discussions with Brisbane City Council and Queensland Rail. The preferred design, updated artist's impressions and computer-generated fly-through are available on the TMR Boundary Road rail level crossing project webpage.



Community consultation summary

The community was encouraged to share their comments and feedback through:

- online survey
- email
- phone
- attending a community information session.

The consultation process and updated project information was promoted and distributed in the following ways:

- Consultation material, including hard and electronic copies of the newsletter, artist's impressions and location map, were delivered to the local elected representatives' electorate offices.
- Newsletters were delivered to 12,000 businesses and local residents in the local area.
- Consultation materials delivered to a number of community churches, schools, childcare centres, tertiary educational facilities, and hospitals.
- Face-to-face briefings were held with the Coopers Plains Overpass Action Group, Bicycle Queensland, Brisbane South Bicycle User Group and Queensland Walks.
- The project team invited potentially impacted property owners to meet and discuss the options. Subsequent meetings have been held to discuss further investigations based on feedback received at these initial briefings.
- Community consultation and information sessions were promoted through local elected representatives, social media and emailing the project database.

Key feedback themes

The concerns and issues raised, and questions asked were reflected in the written feedback with the most frequently mentioned topics:

- traffic and congestion
- heavy vehicles
- local access maintained for Joyce Street and Rosedale Street
- a new local connection between Henley Street and Beenleigh Street
- other alternatives – tunnels, rail over road
- active transport connections and safe pedestrian crossings
- concerns with the impacts to local businesses.

Consultation snapshot

 **557**
Online surveys

 **28**
Phone calls

 **74**
Emails

 **18**
Face-to-face meetings

 **214**
Attendees at community information sessions

The final business case has now been approved and the preferred design presented.

TMR is working with Brisbane City Council which controls the roads surrounding the level crossing, and Queensland Rail, which operates the rail corridor.

The project's final design and construction are dependent on further funding and Brisbane City Council approvals.

Stay informed

TMR will continue to update the community about the Boundary Road rail level crossing upgrade as the project progresses. To stay informed, contact the project team:

Email: metropolitanregion@tmr.qld.gov.au

Phone: 07 3066 4338 (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday)

Web: tmr.qld.gov.au and search 'Boundary Road rail crossing'