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### Lutwyche Road bridge makes way for vibrant busway station

After 18 months of construction and traffic switches, a section of Lutwyche Road has been transformed into a bridge enabling further construction on the state-of-the-art Lutwyche Busway station, Minister for Infrastructure and Planning Stirling Hinchliffe announced today.

Construction of the Lutwyche Road bridge differed from traditional bridge construction with a 'top down' construction methodology – the reverse approach to usual operations to allow traffic to keep moving.

"This involved building the reinforced bridge deck first, before excavating underneath and turning the section of road into a bridge," Minister Hinchliffe said.

"Three staged road diversions were successfully implemented on Lutwyche Road between Bradshaw Street and Isedale Street to switch traffic to the east and then west, enabling construction of the bridge deck with minimal disruption to traffic."

Once complete, the 3km Windsor to Kedron section of the Northern Busway will include 1.5km of tunnel, two state-of-the-art bus stations at Lutwyche and Kedron and eight new bus shelters for north Brisbane residents.

Minister for Infrastructure and Planning Stirling Hinchliffe said the busway will run underground between Truro Street at Windsor and Norman Avenue at Lutwyche and between Stafford Road and Sadlier Street at Kedron, with access into the two new architecturally designed busway stations at Lutwyche and Kedron.

"Tunnelling for the busway is underway and incorporates a combination of driven tunnelling and cut and cover construction techniques," he said.

"Two roadheaders have excavated almost 50% of the 490m section of busway mined tunnel and all four of the cut-and-cover structures are now under construction with two almost fully excavated.

Minister Hinchliffe said once complete in 2012, the Lutwyche Busway Station will become a vibrant urban centre connecting both sides of Lutwyche Road, with new green space connecting Bradshaw Park with Kedron Brook.

"The Lutwyche Busway Station will not only service northern bus routes but will also include an underpass to allow pedestrians and cyclists to access inbound and outbound platforms without crossing busy Lutwyche Road," Mr Hinchliffe said.

"By 2016, the Busway will have the ability to cater for 47,000 public transport trips per day– more than five times the current number.



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“I would like to respectfully thank residents for their ongoing patience and tolerance during construction, which has caused some disturbance around their neighbourhoods.”

Once construction is complete, the Northern Busway (Windsor to Kedron) will be handed over to the Queensland Government for operation by TransLink.

Prior to the opening, TransLink network planners will review local services to maximise the reliability and faster travel times offered by the new busway.

The Northern Busway (Windsor to Kedron) is being built by Thiess John Holland as part of the Airport Link project. When completed, this stage of the busway will link with the Northern Busway (Royal Children’s Hospital to Windsor) and the Inner Northern Busway to the CBD.

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