



Kangaroo Point Green Bridge

Draft Reference Design

Consultation summary

November 2020

Brisbane City Council is building new green bridges across Brisbane, which will make it even easier to get around our city on foot, by bike or scooter, or by connecting with public transport.

The new bridges will link Kangaroo Point to the Brisbane Central Business District (CBD), Toowong to West End, St Lucia to West End, as well as a new crossing at Breakfast Creek.

About the Kangaroo Point Green Bridge

The Kangaroo Point Green Bridge will cater for pedestrians and cyclists, making it easier to walk or cycle between Kangaroo Point and the CBD. It will also improve connectivity to the CBD with the city's eastern and south-eastern suburbs.

The green bridge will celebrate our river city and subtropical identity and provide a convenient, safe and accessible connection for all bridge users.

Consultation overview

In August 2020, Council released the Kangaroo Point Green Bridge draft reference design, marking the next round of community consultation on the project. The draft reference design outlines the final bridge alignment, landing points and structural form, as well as proposed design features and upgrades to ongoing connections to the active transport network.

Across a four-week consultation period, residents, businesses and other stakeholders were invited to provide feedback on the design.

Communication activities included a project newsletter distributed to local residents and businesses, updated content on Council's website, including a fly-through animation, project plans and artist's impressions of the design, and email notifications.

How you participated

During the consultation period, feedback was provided at six community information sessions and via an online feedback survey, the project's 1800 hotline and dedicated email inbox. The project team also met with local key stakeholder groups and received formal submissions.



Approximately **1800** people participated across all consultation activities



360 attendees at community information sessions



More than **30,000** visits to the project web pages



1038 responses to the online survey



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What you told us

Following the consultation period, Council reviewed and analysed all feedback to determine overall support for the draft reference design and identify key feedback themes.

Online survey results

71%

Overall support for the **draft reference design**



69%

Support for the design of the **Kangaroo Point landing**

72%

Support for the design of the **Brisbane CBD landing**



Most important design feature: **dedicated cyclist and pedestrian paths**



Most important feature of viewing/rest nodes: **shade and weather protection**

Key feedback raised by residents and stakeholders included:

- positive support for the proposed bridge form, in particular the single-mast cable stay design, with some concerns raised around visual impacts
- support for shade cover along the length of the bridge, separated pathways for pedestrians and cyclists, and a food and beverage outlet on the bridge
- suggestions for the designs of the landing locations, including safety measures, additional connections to the local active transport network and landscape and urban design features
- general support for the proposed underpass connection from Main Street to Deakin Street, with some suggestions for alternative designs
- interest in the timing and impacts of construction, including requests for more information about potential impacts on green space, vegetation and river users
- concerns from some mooring users/vessel owners about the proposed navigational clearance height of the bridge and potential loss of access to the Gardens Point Boat Harbour moorings for tall vessels.



Support for the bridge design



Opportunity for food and beverage outlet



Landscape and urban design features



Ongoing connections



Construction timing and impacts



Impacts on river users



Community information session at Captain Burke Park, Kangaroo Point.

Final bridge height

While Council acknowledges concerns from some river users about the bridge height restricting access to the existing Gardens Point Boat Harbour moorings, Council can confirm the bridge design is being progressed with a navigational clearance height of 12.7 metres, which is no lower than the Captain Cook Bridge.

This bridge height is required in order to provide an accessible gradient that meets the requirements of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (DDA) and removes the need for excessive ramping at each landing point.

A higher bridge would result in steeper grades towards the Alice Street landing in the Brisbane CBD, which would not meet DDA requirements.

Further, a bridge with an opening span that would allow a higher navigational clearance is not considered feasible as it would come at a significantly higher construction, maintenance and operational cost.

Council will continue to work closely with existing users of the moorings affected by the bridge navigational clearance height to manage the impacts of the change in access.

Next steps

Feedback will help inform the final design for the Kangaroo Point Green Bridge, which will be refined through the procurement and detailed design phases of the project during 2021.

Council will continue to keep local residents, businesses and other stakeholders informed about the project, and will provide further information about expected construction impacts and the final design throughout 2021.

Procurement activities for the Kangaroo Point Green Bridge are currently underway. Following award of a contract in 2021, construction is expected to start in late 2021, with the bridge expected to be complete by late 2023, subject to approvals.



Artist's impression only

More information

For a copy of the detailed Consultation Report, visit Council's website at brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'Kangaroo Point Green Bridge'.

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