

# Toowong to West End and St Lucia to West End Green Bridges Project update

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## Message from the Lord Mayor

We're building new green bridges from Toowong to West End and St Lucia to West End to make it even easier to get around our city on foot, by bike or scooter, or by connecting with public transport.

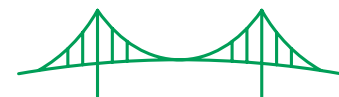
The new green bridges will cater for pedestrians and cyclists and create a vital active travel network between growing communities in West End, Toowong and St Lucia as well as the University of Queensland.

Following initial consultation on these projects in late 2019, planning for these green bridges, including initial technical investigations and feasibility assessments, is well underway.

We have listened to your feedback and we're now asking you to have your say on proposed alignment options and landing locations for each bridge.

I encourage you to have your say on these exciting new projects that will help make Brisbane even better and I look forward to your feedback and keeping you up-to-date as planning progresses.

**Adrian Schinner**  
Lord Mayor



Up to **5100 trips** on the Toowong bridge and **4600 trips** on the St Lucia bridge per weekday by 2041



**Improving access** to riverside parks and green space



**Enhancing the river loop** and recreational opportunities



**Better access** to public transport and the city-wide walking and cycling network



**Faster connections** between work, study and lifestyle precincts

## Have your say

Brisbane City Council is seeking your feedback on the proposed alignment options for the Toowong to West End and St Lucia to West End Green Bridges. Have your say by visiting [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://brisbane.qld.gov.au) and completing our online survey or by attending an upcoming information session (see back page for details).

# About the Green Bridges Program

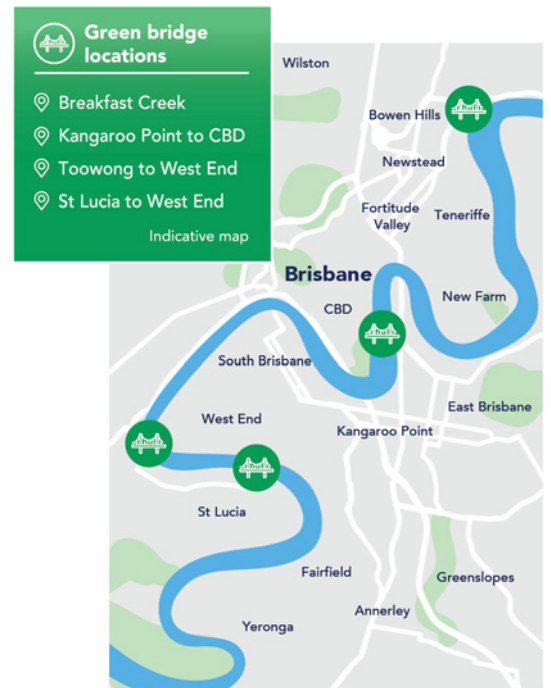
Brisbane City Council is getting on with the job of delivering its Green Bridges Program to help stimulate the local economy and create jobs as the coronavirus impacts are felt across our city.

Council has committed the city's largest ever investment in active transport with \$300 million allocated over the next four years to deliver the Kangaroo Point and Breakfast Creek Green Bridges. Construction of these bridges is on track to start in late 2021, with both bridges expected to be complete by the end of 2023, subject to approvals.

Planning for the Toowong to West End and St Lucia to West End Green Bridges has reached the next phase, with Council now seeking community feedback on potential alignment options for each bridge.

Investigations are also underway into potential locations for a fifth green bridge, with Council to make more information available as planning progresses.

In total, Council will invest up to \$550 million for its transformational plan to build new green bridges and will seek funding contributions from the Queensland and Australian governments.



## What you told us



Initial consultation on the Toowong to West End and St Lucia to West End Green Bridges was undertaken in late 2019.

While there was general positive support for providing new cross-river walking and cycling connections, feedback indicated many people were opposed to these bridges catering for buses or public transport. As a result, Council is progressing these bridges as pedestrian and cycling connections only.

Other feedback included:

- suggestions for Council to investigate alternative alignment options for each bridge
- requests for Council to undertake further technical studies and consultation for each project
- interest in the potential impacts of the new bridges on local communities and river users.

## Options assessment process

Throughout 2020, Council has undertaken a range of technical investigations and studies on potential alignments and landing locations for each bridge. This has included traffic and transport modelling, environmental studies, site investigations and initial cost estimates.

Based on these studies, Council has selected a shortlist of alignment options for the community to provide feedback on. The alignment options and landing locations are not final. Selection of a preferred alignment for each bridge will be subject to community feedback, further technical investigations and feasibility assessments.

## What happens next?

Following consultation, Council will further investigate the benefits, impacts and costs of the new green bridges. This will consider the potential bridge form and structure, transport and economic benefits, property impacts, constructability, and how the bridge will integrate with the surrounding environment. Council will provide more opportunities for you to have your say on these projects in 2021.





## Toowong to West End Green Bridge

The Toowong to West End Green Bridge will provide a new walking and cycling link between the growing West End community and the Toowong Centre, rail and ferry services. This new green bridge will:

- offer Toowong residents direct access to markets, restaurants, art and music venues and green space in West End
- link West End residents to shopping, business and health facilities in Toowong
- enable commuters to interchange at Toowong Railway Station, walk across the bridge and access high-frequency bus services to destinations in West End and South Brisbane.

### Alignment options

#### Option A – 600 Coronation Drive to Orleigh Park (near Forbes Street)

- Summary of option**
- Creates opportunity for new riverside open space at Toowong
  - Good connectivity to Toowong Centre, rail services and Regatta ferry terminal and Toowong
  - Provides off-road access to riverside cycling and walking paths in West End and Toowong
  - Provides comfortable and accessible bridge grade for all users
  - No impacts on nearby character houses
  - Partial private property required
  - Potential impacts to established trees in Orleigh Park

**Expected patronage** By 2031: 3400 trips per day. By 2041: 4600 trips per day.

#### Option B – Archer Street (mid-block) to Orleigh Park (near Drury Street)

- Summary of option**
- Good connectivity to Toowong Centre and rail services via the Coronation Drive pedestrian overpass
  - Private property required
  - Impacts to character houses and local streetscape
  - Connects with the Bicentennial Bikeway via local streets in Toowong
  - Steeper bridge grade for all users compared to Option A
  - Direct access to Riverside Drive cycling and walking paths
  - No opportunity to create new riverside open space
  - Significant visual and amenity impacts

**Expected patronage** By 2031: 3800 trips per day. By 2041: 5100 trips per day.

#### Option C – Archer Street (near Glen Road) to Orleigh Park (near Drury Street)

- Summary of option**
- Good connectivity to Toowong Centre, rail services and high-frequency bus services
  - Private property required
  - Steeper bridge grade for all users compared to Option A
  - Significant visual and amenity impacts
  - Direct access to Riverside Drive cycling and walking paths in West End
  - No opportunity to create new riverside open space
  - Potential impacts to established trees in Orleigh Park

**Expected patronage** By 2031: 3700 trips per day. By 2041: 5000 trips per day.

### LEGEND

- Toowong to West End bridge alignment option
- St Lucia to West End bridge alignment option
- Indicative landing zone
- Pedestrian overpass and arcade
- Major cycle path
- Future pedestrian and cycle connection
- CityCycle station
- Train line
- High-frequency bus route
- Bus stop
- Ferry route



Indicative concept image of a green bridge landing in West End.



Indicative concept image of a green bridge landing in Toowong.



Indicative concept image of a green bridge landing in St Lucia.

## St Lucia to West End Green Bridge

The St Lucia to West End Green Bridge will make it easier to walk and cycle between St Lucia, the University of Queensland (UQ), West End, Highgate Hill and the CBD. This new green bridge will:

- improve active transport connections to St Lucia and UQ, particularly from the inner south, inner west and CBD
- deliver greater accessibility to public transport for St Lucia residents, including high-frequency bus services in West End travelling to the CBD and Fortitude Valley
- create a more direct route between the Bicentennial Bikeway and UQ.

### Alignment options

#### Option A – Guyatt Park to Orleigh Park

- Summary of option**
- Provides direct connectivity to high-frequency public transport
  - Integrates with the river loop
  - Provides a comfortable bridge grade for all users
  - Enhances access to riverside green space
  - Enhances walking and cycling access to UQ
  - No private properties required
  - Potential impacts to established green space

**Expected patronage** By 2031: 4000 trips per day. By 2041: 4600 trips per day.

#### Option B – Munro Street to Ryan Street

- Summary of option**
- Multiple private properties required
  - No ability to create high-quality landings
  - Limited connectivity to the active transport network
  - Potential impacts to streetscape, parking and property access
  - Limited connectivity to public transport
  - Potential impact to character of Munro and Ryan streets
  - Significant visual and amenity impacts
  - Enhances walking and cycling access to UQ for some residents

**Expected patronage** By 2031: 1600 trips per day. By 2041: 1900 trips per day.

#### Option C – Keith Street to Boundary Street

- Summary of option**
- Multiple private properties required
  - Good walking and cycling connectivity to UQ
  - Impacts to existing character houses and streetscape
  - No access to high-frequency public transport
  - Potential impacts to established green space and trees
  - Steeper bridge grade for all users compared to other options
  - Potential visual, amenity and access impacts

**Expected patronage** By 2031: 2400 trips per day. By 2041: 2800 trips per day.

## Find out more

Detailed fact sheets on each alignment option are available on Council's website to help inform your feedback. Visit [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au) and search 'green bridges' or attend an upcoming information session in your local area to learn more about each alignment option.





# How to have **yoursay**

We are seeking your feedback to help inform the selection of preferred alignments and landing locations for the Toowong to West End and St Lucia to West End Green Bridges.

Complete our online survey or come along to an information session to meet members of the project team and tell us what you think about the proposed alignment options, and what is important to you.

**Please have your say by Friday 29 January 2021.**

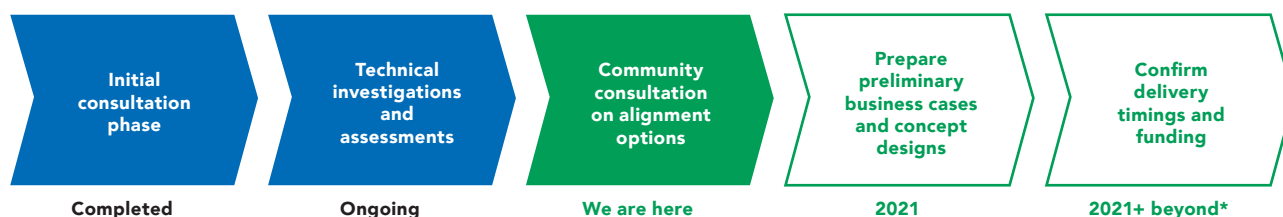
Date	Time	Location
<b>Saturday 28 November 2020</b>	9am-12 noon	Toowong Library (meeting room), 9 Sherwood Road, Toowong
<b>Wednesday 2 December 2020</b>	4-7pm	Kurilpa Hall, 174 Boundary Street, West End
<b>Saturday 5 December 2020</b>	6am-2pm	Davies Park Markets, Montague Road and Jane Street, West End
<b>Wednesday 9 December 2020</b>	4-7pm	St Lucia Bowls Club, 9 Carr Street, St Lucia
<b>Thursday 10 December 2020</b>	4-7pm	South Brisbane Sailing Club, 68 Hill End Terrace, West End
<b>Saturday 12 December 2020</b>	9am-12 noon	Toowong Rowing Club, 37 Keith Street, St Lucia

*Please note: Sessions will be held in accordance with COVID Safe guidelines and all current government restrictions. This means attendee numbers may be limited and session details are subject to change. Visit [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au) and search 'green bridges' for the latest updates.*

## Timeline

Continued feedback from the community and stakeholders will play a critical role in developing each project, including the landing locations, design treatments and ongoing connections to the city-wide walking and cycling network.



Timeframes for the delivery of these projects will be considered following further technical investigations to help inform the preparation of a business case for each project, which will be discussed with the Queensland and Australian governments.




\* Subject to consultation and government approvals.

## More information

You can also provide feedback by:

-  **visiting** Council's website at [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au) and searching 'green bridges' to complete an online survey
-  **contacting** the project team on 1800 318 166 (during business hours)

-  **emailing:** [GreenBridges@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:GreenBridges@brisbane.qld.gov.au)
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