



Park Ridge Connector - Frequently asked questions

What is the Park Ridge Connector Corridor Preservation Study?

This study aims to identify and preserve a road transport corridor between Wembley Road, Browns Plains and Granger Road, Park Ridge. The Department of Transport and Main Roads and Logan City Council are working in partnership to achieve a coordinated planning approach.

What is the Park Ridge Connector (PRC)?

The PRC is a future transport link that will connect development in the Park Ridge area to nearby centres like Browns Plains and Logan Central. It will also ultimately allow fast and safe access to the Logan and Gateway Motorways and the wider South East Queensland transport network.

Why do we need the Park Ridge Connector?

Since the mid-2000s, state and local governments have worked with the community to identify the preferred development pattern for the Mt Lindesay / North Beaudesert area. This development pattern includes a number of large new urban communities, enterprise precincts and major activity centres to be established at Park Ridge, Yarrabilba, Flagstone and Bromelton.

This growth will place increasing demands on the transport network, and will require new road, rail and bus networks. The PRC is one of the responses to meet the challenge of this increasing transport demand.

The need for a new road corridor connecting the Park Ridge area has been identified in the SEQ Regional Plan 2009-31 and Connecting SEQ 2031, a strategic transport plan that outlines the long-term transport needs for the South East Queensland region. These documents identify the PRC as a vital part of the wider network, servicing growth in industrial, commercial and residential developments.

When is it to be built?

Based on future development estimates, the road is unlikely to be needed for another 20 years or more. The timing depends on the rate of development at Yarrabilba, Flagstone and Bromelton.

Detailed planning and construction will be subject to future funding and government approval. There is no intention to seek funding for this work in the near future.

Why is the study being undertaken now?

It is important to note that this project is only about preserving a road corridor to cater for long-term growth in the region, including Yarrabilba and Flagstone. While the road is unlikely to be needed for another 20 years or more, it is important to preserve the corridor now so that more dense development in Park Ridge, resulting from the Logan City Council's Structure Plan, can be catered for.

Where could it be located?

The proposed location for the Park Ridge Connector corridor has been identified following technical investigations and community consultation on a broader area of interest in late 2011. The proposed corridor runs east of the Logan Metro Sports Centre and co-locates with the power easement south through to Granger Road.

Ultimately (post 2031), the Park Ridge Connector will possibly have a southern connection to a proposed Southern Infrastructure Corridor, a future high standard east-west road link between the developing communities in Yarrabilba and Flagstone. The Southern Infrastructure Corridor has been included in strategic planning documents such as the SEQ Regional Plan and Connecting SEQ 2031, but requires further detailed investigation to determine whether it is needed.

What other options have been considered?

Other options have been examined but none deliver the same benefits to the transport network.

Upgrades to the Mount Lindesay Highway will continue to be the focus of government's transport investment in the area for the next 20 years. However, in the longer term the growth in traffic from communities in the south will cause congestion on the highway at its northern end and limit its ability to service land uses around this location.

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