

Better Bus Network for Ipswich

INVESTING IN BETTER BUS SERVICES FOR IPSWICH WILL ADDRESS THE SIGNIFICANT SHORTFALL IN COVERAGE THAT EXISTS AND SUPPORT THE FUTURE GROWTH OF THE REGION.

The proposed program of bus network improvements will improve accessibility, connectivity, and efficiency of the transport network, as well as providing an attractive bus network that is more equitable and a genuine alternative to private vehicle travel.



COMMITMENT SECURED

In the 2024 State Budget funding was provided for stage 1 of the Better Bus Network for Ipswich. This included the introduction of four new routes, increasing the number of residents within 400 metres of a bus service from about 37,000 people to 50,000 people:

- ✓ Route 501 between Springfield and Ipswich,
- ✓ Route 520 between Goodna station and Eden's Crossing,
- ✓ Route 522 between Redbank station and Springfield Central station, and
- ✓ Route 523 between Redbank Plains and Augustine Heights.

New bus connections linking Redbank to Goodna and Springfield to Ipswich. Increased span of hours on weekdays and weekends. Additional trips added to bus timetables.



COMMITMENT REQUIRED

An ongoing **\$5 million annual commitment** to fund Stages 1 to 3 of the Better Bus Network for Ipswich.

BENEFITS TO SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND

- ✓ Enhance liveability and quality of life
- ✓ Supports economic productivity
- ✓ Improve road safety
- ✓ Reduce peak hour congestion
- ✓ Reduce private vehicle usage and subsequent emissions
- ✓ Improve mobility for the Paralympic and Olympic Games visitors in 2032.

Redbank Plains by Numbers



No change to bus network in Redbank Plains since

2010

Redbank Plains has grown
63%
since the 2011 Census



77%
of journey to work trips
by Redbank Plains residents
were by car
(2021 Census) - highest in LGA

24,349
is the population of
Redbank Plains, comparable
to Goulburn, Armidale and
Gympie urban areas
(2021 Census)



Project Details

An ongoing **\$5 million annual commitment** to fund Stages 1 to 3 of the Better Buss Network for Ipswich is sought to deliver:

STAGE 1 - 2025

- ✓ The introduction of four new routes with two new services operating every 15 minutes at peak commuter times, increasing the number of residents within 400 metres of a bus service from about 37,000 people to 50,000 people:
 - Route 501 between Springfield and Ipswich,
 - Route 520 between Goodna station and Eden's Crossing,
 - Route 522 between Redbank station and Springfield Central station, and
 - Route 523 between Redbank Plains and Augustine Heights.
- ✓ New bus connections linking Redbank to Goodna and Springfield to Ipswich.
- ✓ Increased span of hours on weekdays and weekends
- ✓ Additional service frequencies.

STAGE 2 - 2025/26

- ✓ With Stage 2 still in the planning phase, it is proposed to include three new routes that will service Deebing Heights, Ripley and Karalee, linking:
 - Yamanto and Ripley/White Rock,
 - Karalee and Ipswich via RiverLink, Bell Street, Ipswich Hospital and UniSQ, and
 - Ripley and the Ipswich CBD via UniSQ and Ipswich Hospital.
- ✓ More services on route 515 between Brassall and Yamanto to provide a 15-minute frequency all day.
- ✓ Additional coverage on routes 502, 512, 506 and 509 to respond to growth.
- ✓ Increased span of hours on weekdays and weekends, and additional peak services.

STAGE 3 - 2026/27

Stage 3 is also still in the planning phase and is proposed to include:

- ✓ A new route to respond to Spring Mountain and Springfield growth.
- ✓ New bus connections between Ripley, Redbank Plains and Goodna.
- ✓ Increased span of hours on weekdays and weekends, and additional peak services.



About Ipswich

The City of Ipswich will grow at a faster rate than any other council in Queensland over the next twenty years.

Ipswich is under provisioned in public transport, social infrastructure and economically stimulating investment.

By 2046, the city will reach an estimated population of 533,802 nearly double its current size.

A city of half a million people requires efficient public transport to support economic prosperity and self sufficiency. This investment is needed now, to address existing issues and ahead of growth to avoid entrenching social and economic inequality.



City of
Ipswich