



Campbell Newman

Lord Mayor

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Lord Mayor begins bridging the gap between South Brisbane and the western suburbs

BRISBANE City Council has commenced a detailed study into the impacts of a new toll bridge linking South Brisbane to Milton.

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman said this bridge was the third stage of his TransApex project and would help address the pressure of rapid growth in the South Brisbane-West End area.

“Up to 10,000 more people are expected to live in the broader West End area within the next ten years and a new bridge will allow better access to and within the area.”

“The Hale Street Link will be an alternative crossing to William Jolly Bridge, reducing peak hour traffic on that bridge by up to a third, making it easier for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists to reach businesses and entertainment areas on both sides of the river.”

Cr Newman said Council was investigating the Hale Street Link bridge proposal through a Feasibility Study.

“The Hale Street Link study will look at engineering designs, traffic and transport issues and the economic, social and environmental impacts of a new bridge,” Cr Newman said.

“By offering the local community significant opportunities to have a say on the project, we will achieve the best possible outcome that better serves the local area’s current and future needs.”

“The feasibility study is about Council getting it right for Brisbane and identifying the best way forward,” Cr Newman said.

Operating on a user pays system, the Hale Street Link would be a toll bridge connecting Montague Road and Cordelia/Merivale Streets at South Brisbane with Hale Street and Milton Road at Milton.

Cr Newman said the Hale Street Link was part of his TransApex plan to address Brisbane’s long-term traffic needs and would be financed through a user-pays model.

“We expect revenue earned from this project to support other measures to reduce traffic congestion,” Cr Newman said.

Draft Terms of Reference are out for public comment for five weeks until 4 November 2005. Final Terms of Reference will be issued in early December.

Council will consider the Feasibility Study’s findings in April 2006 and, if approved, construction could begin in 2007.

For more information and copy of draft Terms of Reference email halestlink@rowlandqld.gov.au or call 1800 170 107.

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