

Breakfast Creek Green Bridge

Concept 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 Breakfast Creek Green Bridge

The Breakfast Creek Green Bridge and Lores Bonney Riverwalk extension will cater for pedestrians and cyclists and provide an enhanced active transport link along the river from the inner city to the northern suburbs. It will also enhance recreational experiences along the Brisbane River.

Consultation overview

In August 2020, Council released the Breakfast Creek Green Bridge concept design, marking the next round of community consultation on the project.

The concept design outlines the proposed bridge alignment, landing points and structural form, as well as potential 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 **800** people participated across all consultation activities



360 attendees at community information sessions



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



357 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 concept design and identify key feedback themes.

Online survey results

70%

Overall support for the concept design



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



Most important option under investigation: **enhanced active transport connection to Newstead Avenue**



Community information session at Newstead Park, Newstead.



Artist's impression of the Newstead Park landing plaza.

Key feedback raised by residents and stakeholders included:

- general support for the skewed alignment from Newstead Park across Breakfast Creek to connect with the Lores Bonney Riverwalk and the proposed arch bridge form
- support for a minimum six-metre pathway on the bridge, separation between pedestrians and cyclists, and measures to ensure the safety of all bridge and path users
- maintaining the existing access to Breakfast Creek for creek and river users is important, along with minimising impacts on creek access during construction
- some suggestions for shade cover or a viewing/rest node as part of the bridge design
- suggestions for new landscaping and pathways to reflect the existing heritage character of Newstead Park and Breakfast Creek, and for impacts on existing trees and green space to be minimised
- requests for dedicated cyclist facilities on Newstead Avenue and Newstead Terrace, with wider paths, better signage and improved lighting
- suggestions for other upgrades to the active transport network, such as an improved cycling connection to Sandgate Road/Albion from Breakfast Creek
- interest in whether the existing road bridge could be upgraded and if the design of the green bridge would prevent the replacement of the existing road bridge in the future, if required
- some preference for an alternative green bridge alignment across Breakfast Creek, such as closer to the existing road bridge or at the mouth of the creek.



Support for the bridge design



Maintain access to Breakfast Creek



Opportunities for shade cover



Protect and enhance green space



Upgrades to ongoing connections

Final bridge alignment and form

Council acknowledges some feedback asking for alternative alignments for the bridge, and some concerns around the proposed arch design.

As part of the development of the concept design, Council investigated a number of options for the bridge alignment and form.

Based on these investigations, and the positive support for the concept design, Council is progressing the bridge based on the skewed alignment from the north-west corner of Newstead Park to Kingsford Smith Drive and Cameron Rocks Reserve.

This alignment has been selected because it:

- minimises impacts on key heritage places, including Newstead House and Newstead Park
- provides a comfortable and accessible connection for all bridge users, that is compliant with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA)*
- avoids impacts to significant public utility infrastructure
- maintains the ability for vessels to access Breakfast Creek
- minimises flooding impacts in Breakfast Creek
- future proofs potential options to upgrade the Breakfast Creek Road bridge and the east-west boardwalk connection.

Council is also progressing the arch bridge form as it maintains the existing navigational channel and vessel height clearance, can span Breakfast Creek in a single span to avoid adverse flooding impacts and causes the least obstruction to existing views.

Next steps

Feedback will help inform the final design for the Breakfast Creek Green Bridge, which will be refined through the detailed design phase in 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 later in 2021.

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



More information

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

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