

# ST LUCIA TO WEST END GREEN BRIDGE

## Concept Design Consultation Summary



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Brisbane City Council is delivering its Green Bridges Program to transform the way people travel around our city.

While planning for the St Lucia to West End Green Bridge has been paused to prioritise flood recovery activities across Brisbane, Council is pleased to release the outcomes of community consultation on the concept design for this city-shaping project.

Feedback on the concept design will play a critical role in future stages of planning, including the final bridge design, ongoing connections to the city-wide walking and riding network, and management of impacts during construction, once funding for the project is secured.

### About the St Lucia to West End Green Bridge

The St Lucia to West End Green Bridge will make it easier to walk or ride between St Lucia, The University of Queensland (UQ), West End, Highgate Hill and the CBD. Together with the Toowong to West End Green Bridge, it will connect to the city's green transport networks, enhancing the river loop cycling and walking experiences.

The new green bridge will:

- ▶ improve green transport connections to St Lucia and UQ
- ▶ 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
- ▶ improves access to riverside parks and green spaces for residents and visitors.

### About the Green Bridges Program

**Council is building new green bridges across Brisbane to make it even easier to get around our city on foot, by bike or scooter, or by connecting with public transport.**

Our new green bridges are a vital part of Council's plan to create world-class green transport infrastructure that will help residents navigate the city easily, leaving a lasting legacy as we set our sights on the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The bridges will provide a new link from Kangaroo Point to the CBD, a new crossing at Breakfast Creek and new links from Toowong to West End and St Lucia to West End.

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

**More lifestyle and leisure opportunities for local residents**

**Improved access to high-frequency public transport**

**River loop walking and riding experiences**

# Consultation overview

In November 2021, Council released the concept design for the St Lucia to West End Green Bridge for community feedback.

The concept design outlined the preferred bridge alignment, landing points and structural form, as well as proposed design features. The concept design is not final and will be further developed during future stages of the project.

At this time, Council also released the key findings of the preliminary business case for the St Lucia to West End Green Bridge.



Artist impressions only.

Residents, businesses and other key stakeholders had the opportunity to have their say on the concept design from 15 November 2021 until 28 February 2022.

Communication activities included a project newsletter distributed to local residents and businesses, email notifications, and updated content on Council's website including artist impressions, a fly-through animation and project plans.

At this time, Council also commenced consultation on the concept design for the Toowong to West End Green Bridge. A separate summary and report have been prepared to outline the outcomes of consultation on this project, which are available on Council's website.

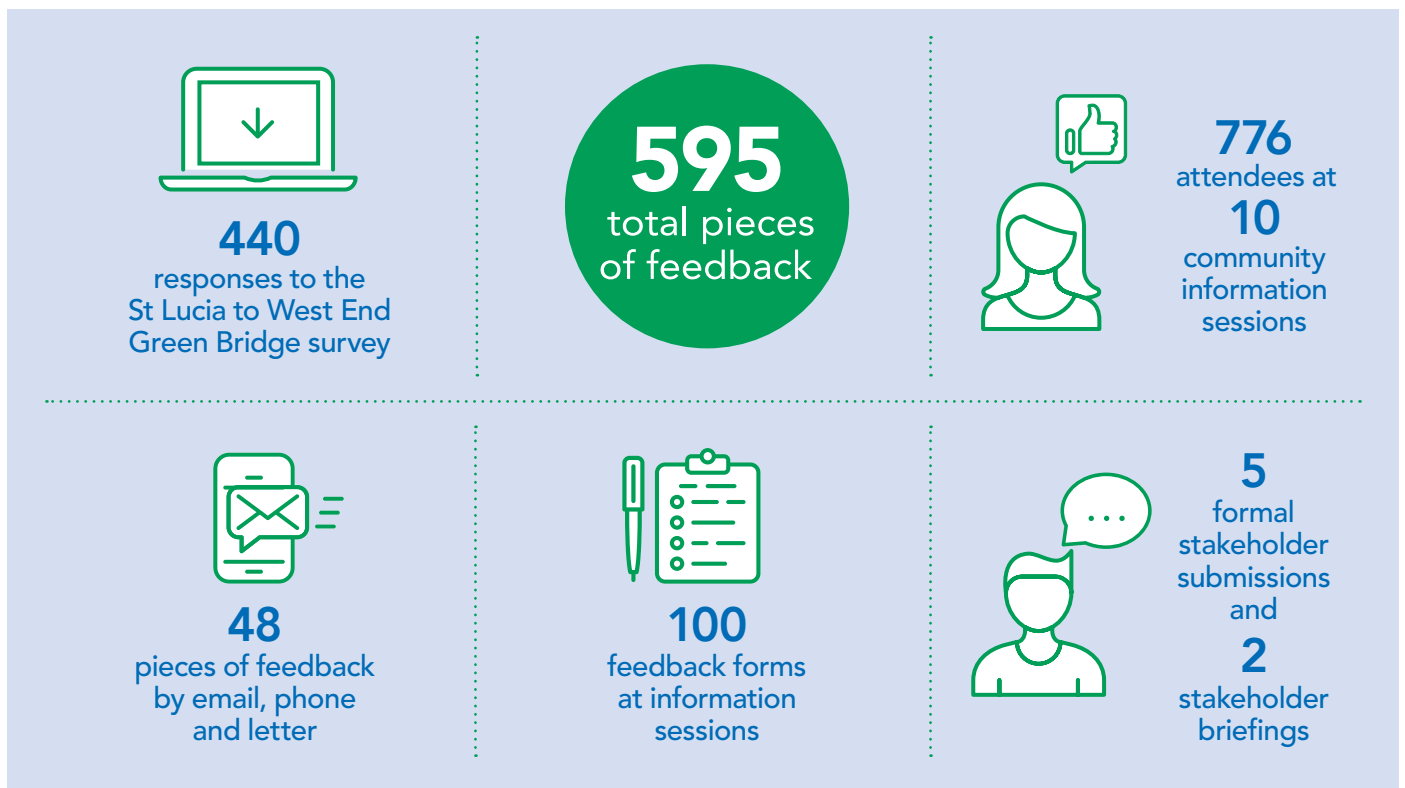
# How you participated

During the consultation period, Council hosted a range of activities to ensure residents, businesses and other key stakeholders had the opportunity to have their say on the concept design and talk to members of the project team.

This included:

- ✓ **10 community information sessions** at local venues in St Lucia, Toowong and West End
- ✓ **an online survey** hosted on Council's website
- ✓ **six pop up events** at ferry terminals, parks and locations near the bridge landings
- ✓ **meetings with key stakeholders** with an interest in the project.

Overall, Council received 595 pieces of feedback on the St Lucia to West End Green Bridge, including 440 responses to the online survey, along with feedback provided at information sessions, by email, phone and letter.



Community information session at UQ, St Lucia.



Community information session at Guyatt Park, St Lucia.

# What you told us

Following the consultation period, Council reviewed and summarised all feedback to determine overall support for the concept design, as well as key issues for consideration during future phases of the project.

Key feedback on the St Lucia to West End Green Bridge included:

- ▶ general support for the concept design, with 76% of online survey respondents completely or somewhat supportive of the proposed design
- ▶ mixed overall feedback on the St Lucia to West End Green Bridge, with some people questioning the need / demand for the project, particularly if the Toowong to West End Green Bridge is delivered
- ▶ concerns around the durability and functionality of the proposed shade cover, as well as requests for additional shade cover on the bridge approach ramps
- ▶ some positive support for providing improved accessibility and connectivity for people of all ages and abilities between St Lucia and West End
- ▶ some concerns from local residents about the design and location of the St Lucia landing at Guyatt Park, including impacts on riverfront open space, existing vegetation, existing park facilities and the safety of park users
- ▶ mixed feedback on the West End landing design, with some positive feedback that it minimises impacts on Orleigh Park, and some concerns the over-water ramp is out of scale with the surrounds
- ▶ interest in how bridge users will safely and easily connect with destinations in St Lucia and West End, and what upgrades to local roads / pathways may be required
- ▶ interest in potential construction timing and impacts, particularly from local residents and river users.



Artist impression of the over-water ramp at the West End landing.

## Key feedback



General support for the concept design



Requests for additional shade cover



Mixed feedback on project need and priority



Minimise impacts to Guyatt Park and Orleigh Park



Mixed feedback on the bridge landing designs



Support for improved connectivity for people of all ages and abilities



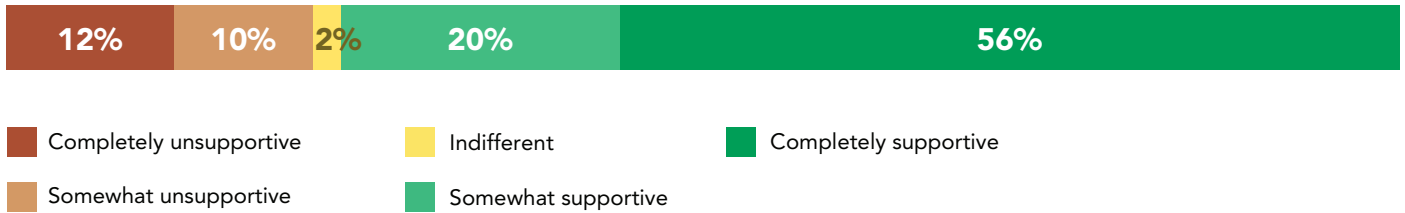
Interest in ongoing connections to the green and public transport networks

# Online survey results

Through the online survey, respondents were asked to provide their overall level of support for the concept design along with feedback on design features, the landing locations, and how they would use the green bridge.

A summary of the key results from the online survey is outlined below. Full results of the online survey are included in the detailed Consultation Report, which can be downloaded from Council's website.

## Overall level of support



## Most important features

### Overall design

- 1 Dedicated walking and riding paths
- 2 Shade across the full width of the main bridge span
- 3 Integration with park and residential settings on both sides of the river

### St Lucia landing

- 1 Convenient access through Guyatt Park
- 2 Maximise useable space within Guyatt Park
- 3 Access to improved riverside park space

### West End landing

- 1 Over-water ramp that minimises disruption to Orleigh Park
- 2 Connections to Montague Road and Riverside Drive
- 3 Access to routes within Orleigh Park

**50%** of survey respondents said they would use the bridge daily or weekly

**55%** of survey respondents said they would mainly use the bridge for exercise, recreation or leisure

## Next Steps

Council recognises the positive level of support for the St Lucia to West End Green Bridge, providing a vital cross-river link that will make it easier for residents and visitors to travel around our city into the future.

While planning for the St Lucia to West End and Toowong to West End Green Bridges was paused in 2022 to prioritise flood recovery activities across Brisbane, Council will seek additional contributions from the Queensland and Australian governments to help deliver these critical projects.

If funding is secured during the flood recovery effort, Council will consider progressing these bridges sooner than anticipated.

Feedback on the concept design will play a critical role in future stages of planning, including final design treatments, ongoing connections to the city-wide walking and riding network, and management of impacts during construction, once funding is secured for the project.

Council will continue to keep the community informed about the new green bridges and will provide a further opportunity for feedback on the St Lucia to West End Green Bridge during future phases of project planning.


## Project timing




## More information

For a copy of the detailed Consultation Report, visit Council's website at [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://brisbane.qld.gov.au) and search 'St Lucia to West End Green Bridge' or scan the QR code below.

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