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DETAILED DESIGN TENDER AWARDED FOR \$44.5 MILLION SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL PARK N RIDE

The Palaszczuk Government has announced the detailed design phase is underway for the brand new \$44.5 million Springfield Central Station Park n Ride.

Member for Jordan, Charis Mullen said design consultant GHD has been awarded the tender to investigate and design new carparks for Springfield Central Station and the surrounding area.

“The Park n Ride project will deliver 650 additional carparks to Springfield Central Station, increasing the number of carparks to more than 1,100.

“However, the design consultants will be designing more than just the multi-storey carpark on the identified site – vehicle access in and out of the carpark, safe and easy pedestrian movements to the train station and the interface with local roads and the recently announced AFL stadium will all be part of the design consideration.

“This is a big and complex project – in a location which is already quite constrained. We only have one opportunity to plan and design this properly and I want to ensure that we deliver the best outcome for the community.”

Ms Mullen said she understood the current frustrations being felt by commuters at the station.

“The current carpark is completely over stretched – and I understand how frustrating it is to turn up at the station and not be able to find a carpark.

“At my urging, TMR has been investigating options for overflow parking but to be honest, it has proven difficult to find available and suitable land in the interim. Work on this is continuing,” said Ms Mullen.

The recent announcement of funding for the new AFL stadium in Springfield Central was an important consideration in the planning of the commuter carpark.

“Until now, there has been some uncertainty around the AFL stadium, so it has been difficult for the State Government to know what impact this project will have not only on the new Park n Ride but Springfield Central Station itself.

“I know the community has expressed concern at how the station, the commuter carpark, the stadium project and local roads will work together – in a location which is already quite constrained.

“As a result, I have the support of stakeholders to establish a Project Steering Group – involving the Brisbane Lions, Ipswich City Council, Department of Transport and Main Roads and the master developer, Springfield City Group to work together on the planning and interface of all these projects.

“We held our first meeting on Thursday (21st March) and I am confident that all stakeholders understand the importance of getting this precinct right.

“We owe it to our local community and to visitors to ensure that we plan a Stadium/ Station Precinct that is well designed, easy to access and is a positive contribution to our Greater Springfield region,” said Ms Mullen.

Information on the next phase of the Springfield Central Park n Ride will soon be distributed to commuters at the station.

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