

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	4
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PASSENGER TRANSPORT ACCESSIBLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the submission of an application for funding for \$114,075 under the Passenger Transport Accessible Infrastructure Program made on 20 June 2023

INTERESTED PARTIES:

- Department of Transport and Main Roads, TransLink Division
- Kinetic

Note: The identification of interested parties is provided on a best endeavours basis by Council Officers and may not be exhaustive.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Applications for Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants opened on 9 May 2023 and were due for submission on 23 June 2023. The grant program available for Local Governments is:

- Passenger Transport Accessible Infrastructure Program (PTAIP) - A 50% financial contribution is required from Council on the PTAIP funding grant.

Following a review of Council's bus stop infrastructure, the following funding for upgrades is requested:

- \$114,075 under the PTAIP for the upgrade of 6 bus stop sites to comply with the DDA requirements and additional upgrades including the bus stop type upgrades, school bus stops, pedestrian crossing facilities and new shelters.

The application for funding was submitted on 20 June 2023. Upgrade works would commence in mid-2023 and be completed by 30 June 2024.

BACKGROUND:

The *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (DDA) promotes the rights of people with disabilities. There is a statutory requirement to make passenger transport infrastructure comply with accessibility standards under the *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002* (DSAPT) and *Disability (Access to Premises Buildings) Standard 2010* (Premises Standards).

Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009*, the local government's responsibility for passenger transport infrastructure includes bus stops on both local government and

state-controlled roads. The PTAIP is an initiative of the Queensland Government that provides funding assistance to local governments delivering accessibility upgrades to their existing passenger transport facilities. The PTAIP funding contribution consists of three parts:

- A construction component, representing 50% of the estimated construction costs (excluding shelter costs).
 - Existing bus stops upgraded to DDA standards.
 - Stops being upgraded are eligible for stop-type upgrades.
 - School bus stops (limited to council-owned assets located at schools)
 - Pedestrian crossing facilities - limited to at-grade non-signalised interventions and includes (but not limited to) raised crossing, medians, kerb ramps, kerb extensions/buildouts and median fencing.
- A 5% project management allowance, calculated from the 50% construction contribution.
- Allowance of \$20,000 (ex GST) for the cost of replacing or installing a new shelter.

COMMENT:

There are 338 bus stops in the Cairns Regional Council local government area (including two long-distance coach stops and excluding stops on private land, stops identified for disposal and virtual bus stops (Hail n Ride sites)). Over the past eight years, nearly all of these stops have been made DDA-compliant with the assistance of PTAIP funding. It has been observed that there is a pressing need for suitable pedestrian crossing facilities at many of the existing paired bus stops located on busy roads. This is crucial for ensuring the safety of passengers. Additionally, the Council has received numerous requests for new shelters at various bus stops.

To address these concerns, the PTAIP funding opportunity now includes provisions for pedestrian safety crossings and school bus stop components as eligible infrastructure. Furthermore, a funding allowance of \$20,000 (ex GST) is available to cover the cost of replacing existing shelters or constructing new ones. This funding presents an excellent opportunity for the Council to address safety issues and fulfill customer needs.

Consequently, the 2023/24 Bus Stop program will focus on upgrading existing bus stops and constructing new ones based on their priority. This comprehensive approach aims to enhance safety and meet the demands of the community.

Council has requested Passenger Transport Accessible Infrastructure Grants funding for the following:

Upgrade of 6 bus stop sites across the Cairns Region. This includes:

- Installation of new shelters at 2 TransLink bus stop sites, and 1 Council-owned school bus stop site.
- Upgrading and installation of pedestrian crossing facilities to DSAPT standards at 5 bus stop sites.

The final list of sites will be prepared in liaison with TransLink during the funding evaluation and approval process. The construction of PTAIP-funded projects must be completed by June 2024.

OPTIONS:

The following options are proposed for consideration by Council:

Option 1

That Council accepts the grant funding submission for \$114,075 under the Passenger Transport Accessible Infrastructure Program for Council's 2023/24 New Bus Stop. Please note that the funding is subject to evaluation and approval of Council's PTAIP application by TransLink.

Option 2

Council does not accept the external funding submission and fully funds the upgrade of bus stops and replacement/installation of bus stop shelters from Capital Works Program funds.

CONSIDERATIONS:**Risk Management:**

The upgrade of bus stops is required to make passenger transport infrastructure comply with PTAIP funding guidelines and accessibility standards under the *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002* (DSAPT). TransLink recommends suitable pedestrian crossing facilities at paired bus stops to reduce the safety risk to pedestrians crossing the road. In addition, Council regularly receives requests from users for shelters at existing bus stops.

Council Finance and the Local Economy:

Applying for and receiving this funding will assist Council to address safety risks at the bus stops and some requests for shelter by the community. The total funding sought will supplement Council's annual budget for bus stop upgrades. Council's financial contribution on top of the 2023/24 PTAIP funding grant is estimated to be \$84,525 towards upgrade of existing bus stops included under PTAIP funding and \$335,000 towards the construction of new bus stops.

Budget

Project	2022/23 Budget \$'000	2023/24 Budget \$'000	2024/25 Budget \$'000	Total Budget \$'000
Bus stop program 23/24 – PT23007	\$58	\$258	\$258	\$574

Anticipated Cost of project

Project	2022/23 \$'000	2023/24 Grant Funding - existing bus stops \$'000	2023/24 Council Contribution - existing bus stops \$'000	2023/24 Council's Contribution - new bus stops \$'000	Total Spend \$'000
Bus stop program 23/24 - PT23007	\$40	\$114	\$85	\$335	\$574

Statutory:

All relevant approvals will be obtained prior to any work being undertaken.

CONSULTATION:

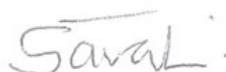
Site upgrade designs are in progress. Consultation with the affected landowners, residents and Kinetic is planned to occur as site upgrade designs are completed.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - 2023/24 PTAIP Grant Application sites



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Attachment 1 - 2023/24 PTAIP Grant Application sites

TMR TransLink Division - PTAIP grant application										
Note: List stops in order of priority										
APPLICATION ID	HASTUS ID	STOP MARKER NAME	STREET	SCOPE OF PLANNED WORKS	ESTIMATED COST OF PLANNED WORKS (excluding cost of shelters)	NO. OF SHELTERS REQUESTED (\$20,000/shelter)	PM component (5% of costs excluding shelter component)	TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTED	ESTIMATED COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION (Incl CRC's PM contribution)	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST (Including cost of shelters & PM cost)
1	750151	Old Smithfield Rd at Le Grande Street	97 Old Smithfield Rd, Freshwater	Provide new concrete path to connect existing boarding point to existing shelter. Modify existing shelter by cutting the seating to provide a single undercover wheelchair storage space. Construct new kerb ramp and path connections to link with kerb ramp on other side of the road providing safe crossing for pedestrians between the bus stop pair. Install TGSIs, line marking and signage to demarcate bus zone.	\$ 38,000.00	0	\$ 950.00	\$ 19,950.00	\$ 19,950.00	\$ 39,900.00
2	-	Cairns West State School (FAR asset#172335)	163 Hoare St, Manunda	School bus stop - Demolish existing non compliant shelter and concrete slab. Construct new boarding point slab and barrier kerb. Provide new shelter and seating. Install TGSIs, line marking and signage to demarcate bus zone.		1	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 30,500.00
3	750232 & 750216	English St at Hoare St	55 English St, Manunda	Multiple requests from the customers for a shelter at bus stop 750232. Install a new shelter and solar light at the shelter. Potential conflict with Ø100 AC water main and other service pits. Busy major collector road - Install kerb ramp - pedestrian crossing linking the paired bus stop 750216.	\$ 10,000.00	1	\$ 250.00	\$ 25,250.00	\$ 25,200.00	\$ 50,450.00
4	750463	Woodward Str at Skye Cl	129 Woodward Street (opp), Edge Hill	Medium usage bus stop. Multiple requests for shelter. Install shelter with new solar light. Demolish existing concrete and construct DDA compliant shelter, linemarking and new tactiles. Provide catch kerb ramp on other side of road for pedestrians crossing.	\$ 5,000.00	1	\$ 125.00	\$ 22,625.00	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 25,250.00
5	750392 & 750286	Hardy Rd at Malabar St (Tom Murray Park)	Hardy Rd (opp Tom Murray Park), Mount Sheridan	Bus stop pair on Sub-Arterial Road - provide kerb pedestrian crossing. Demolish part of the existing bus stop at 750392 and install a new kerb ramp. Provide a kerb ramp on the opposite side of the road to catch. Install TGSIs.	\$ 25,000.00	0	\$ 625.00	\$ 13,125.00	\$ 13,125.00	\$ 26,250.00
6	750265 & 750258	Toogood Rd at Tamba St & Agate St	148 Toogood Rd, Bayview Heights	Bus stop pair on Sub-Arterial Road. Install crossing facility - demolish existing 'kerb ramp' to 750265 and install new kerb ramp. Provide catch kerb ramp on southern side of road for pedestrians crossing. Install TGSIs.	\$ 25,000.00	0	\$ 625.00	\$ 13,125.00	\$ 13,125.00	\$ 26,250.00
					\$ 103,000.00	3	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 114,075.00	\$ 84,525.00	\$ 198,600.00