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I refer to your letter to Mr Carl Judge MP, Member for Yeerongpilly, about the Bus and Train Tunnel (BAT) project. Your letter was referred to the Honourable Scott Emerson MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, for consideration and response. The Minister has asked that I respond on his behalf.

The BAT project is a proposed new five kilometre north-south tunnel that combines a railway and a busway in a single, double decked, 15 metre wide tunnel.

The BAT tunnel will run from Dutton Park in the south to Victoria Park at Spring Hill in the north. It includes three new underground stations at Woolloongabba, George Street and Roma Street.

When complete, the BAT project will provide a critical new link in South East Queensland's public transport network by creating new major transport hubs across the city.

Dutton Park Rail Station will be decommissioned to allow major construction activity for the BAT tunnel to commence around 2016.

The location of the southern portal at Dutton Park Rail Station was chosen for a number of reasons including engineering complexities and the desire to reduce residential private property impacts and contain infrastructure within existing government owned land.

In relation to your query regarding a walkway to be built from Park Road Station to the Princess Alexandra (PA) Hospital, I can confirm that a new direct pedestrian link under the rail line is proposed to link the hospital to Boggo Road Urban Village.

The underpass will connect public spaces on either side of the rail corridor, giving workers, patients and nearby residents improved transport access to Park Road Rail Station and Boggo Road Busway Station.

It will also allow cyclists to transfer from the existing bikeway at the PA Hospital to Railway Terrace and on toward the bikeway at Annerley Road and the Eleanor Schonell Bridge to the University of Queensland.

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The pedestrian and bicycle underpass will be around 50 metres in length, 3.5 metres high and have sufficient lighting and security features.

The project team is working with representatives of the PA Hospital to ensure accessibility and safety for hospital staff and patients is maintained.

Based on planning at this early stage, rail services operating in the southern corridor upon opening of the BaT tunnel could include:

- 11 Gold Coast express services per hour into BaT tunnel
- 6 Beenleigh express services per hour into BaT tunnel
- 6 Kuraby all stops services via South Brisbane.

With an increase to services on the Cleveland Rail Line to 10 services per hour travelling via South Brisbane, 16 services per hour would continue to stop at South Bank Station and 17 services per hour would use the BaT tunnel. Please note that these service plans are subject to change in patronage demand as the project progresses.

In relation to your query of where the crossover to the Cleveland Line will occur, there is no interchange between Cleveland Line rail services and BaT rail services. Cleveland Line passengers who wish to travel to the BaT stations will be able to change to high frequency, direct bus services at Park Road/Boggo Road stations to access the BaT stations.

During project planning, the project team will also undertake a further review of the bus network through Dutton Park to determine if any additional service improvements can be made prior to decommissioning the Dutton Park Rail Station.

The next key steps for the project team are to refine the Reference Design and develop a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Please note that the EIS will include further details on proposed transport network operations upon opening of the BaT tunnel. I anticipate it will be available in the second half of this year. A comprehensive community consultation program will be planned to support the release of the EIS.

I encourage your continued involvement in the community consultation process. If you would like further information, or to be added to the project's mailing list to be kept up to date with community consultation dates and locations, I encourage you to contact the BaT project team on 1800 010 875* during business hours or email them at batproject@tmr.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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