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Walter Taylor Bridge Duplication Update

This year Brisbane City Council is undertaking a Pre-feasibility Study into duplication of the Walter Taylor Bridge.

The Lord Mayor announced the Study during a media interview in March 2021. There has been no consultation with me or our local community to date.

The Study is currently considering:

- creating a freight route through Sherwood, Graceville, Chelmer and Indooroopilly (p4);
- demolishing the Jack Pesch Bridge (p7); and
- feeding all traffic back into Coonan St over Indooroopilly Rail Station at Westminster St (p7).

I urge all residents to read for themselves what is being proposed www.nicolejohnston.com.au. If you require a hard copy please contact my office.

I am deeply concerned about the direction the Lord Mayor is taking the project. I have written to him outlining these concerns, copy overleaf.

Critically, the Study notes that “all options result in sudden increases in traffic movements as currently diverted trips shift back to the corridor due to improved travel times” (p6).

Without question there is a congestion problem with the Bridge and Coonan St, particularly during school and university terms, and we should be planning for the future. However, it is critical that the solution is not worse than the problem. Hundreds of trucks everyday on Oxley Rd, Honour Ave and surrounding streets, and more through traffic, would have severe and detrimental impacts on our local community.

As local residents, I believe you should know about these plans and have a say in how transport planning is undertaken in the district.

I will be sharing more information about the project on my website www.nicolejohnston.com.au. You can also sign up to receive my monthly e-newsletter on my website or call my office.

Regards

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