

# East Ipswich station accessibility upgrade



PROJECT UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2019

The East Ipswich station accessibility upgrade is part of the Queensland Government's \$357 million investment to upgrade stations across the South East Queensland network, making them accessible for all customers. The next stage for the project will involve engaging a contractor for a 'Design and Construct' tender. The contractor will take the final concept design and complete the detailed design work required for construction.

## Updated concept design

Queensland Rail held information sessions in May 2019, to seek community feedback on the concept design. Following this feedback, a number of changes were incorporated into the station design including heritage considerations, the station layout, pedestrian access and station security.

Community feedback themes	How feedback was incorporated
Artwork	Queensland Rail has included a heritage mural as part of the project and will engage with local art groups to complete this.
Heritage and environment	Queensland Rail has incorporated heritage elements, which reflect the existing station design, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- gabled rooflines and other features recalling the original station design</li><li>- the heritage shelter on platform 1 will be retained</li><li>- additional landscaping in keeping with the leafy surrounding area.</li></ul>
Pedestrian access	Queensland Rail will construct fully accessible pedestrian footpaths from the existing carparks to the new station.
Security	Queensland Rail security works with police to provide safe and secure stations for our customers. The upgrade incorporates crime prevention through environmental design principles, with improved security features including CCTV and lighting, which deters anti-social behaviour.



Concept design only - subject to change

## Project status

Works have been taking place over the last few months to get the station ready for major construction, including earthworks, concreting, overhead works and the relocation of signalling infrastructure.

More foundation works are planned for January 2020, to coincide with scheduled track closures. Some associated night works may be required before and after these track closures. Queensland Rail will notify nearby residents in advance of these works.

The contract will be awarded in early 2020, with main works scheduled to start in mid-2020.

## Features of the upgrade

The station upgrade is designed to achieve independent accessibility, so that all platforms can be accessed independently via paths, ramps or lifts, without the need to use stairs.

Improvements to the station as part of the accessibility upgrade include:

- a new pedestrian footbridge with lift access
- fully-raised platforms
- a new, modern station building
- new station entrances on Merton Street and Coronation Street
- additional shade/shelter and a new covered area over the core zone
- improved accessible parking
- new bicycle enclosure
- upgraded hearing augmentation loop and tactile surfaces
- upgraded security cameras and station lighting
- new way-finding and platform signage.

## Contact us:

Queensland Rail thanks the community for its input to the station accessibility upgrade. For more information or to provide feedback, please contact the project team on **1800 722 203** (free call) or email [stationsupgrade@qr.com.au](mailto:stationsupgrade@qr.com.au)

