LAKES BUS STATION PEDESTRIAN LINK ST LUCIA

Consideration:

On 8th November 2013 the Buildings and Grounds recommended approval in principle to the Lakes Bus Station Pedestrian Link. UQ Senate subsequently approved the recommendation on 28th November 2014.

Background

The eastern gateway to the St Lucia campus via the Eleanor Schonell Bridge from Dutton Park has become a major entrance to the University. It caters to bus, bicycle and pedestrian traffic and currently carries in excess of 20,000 arrivals and departures to and from the campus each day. This represents more than 35% of the campus total and is expected to increase as the University continues to expand its activities in the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Mater Hospital and Boggo Road precincts.

While a major upgrade of the UQ Lakes Bus Station has recently been completed, the connection from the bridge and Bus Station to the campus core remains inadequate. This connection is via pathways that originally serviced the long defunct Dutton Park ferry. They are inequitable, hazardous and, in places, subject to inundation during periods of heavy rain. Persons with limited mobility are challenged by the journey and often forced to seek alternative means of access via other entry points. It is incumbent on the University to provide an equitable link to what is a major transport interchange on the campus periphery.

As part of the new CityCat relocation project, BCC is providing $750,000+GST of seed funding towards the pedestrian link project to enable an equitable path to be provided from the CityCat to the Student Union.

In summary the proposal aims to address accessibility issues and enhance pedestrian amenity with key objectives including:

- A new ramped and partially elevated walkway that enables compliant access from the bus station to the eastern end of the Union Complex and eliminates disruption due to the effects of localised flooding
- Provision of walkway ‘rest stops’ incorporating seating and viewing platforms
- Provision of protection from sun and rain
- Creation of an identifiable entry statement and enhanced arrival experience for visitors to the campus

Description:

The project will be procured under a Design and Construct contract. Therefore the final materials selection is yet to be determined with the University and the contractor’s architect.

The completed project will provide the University with:

- A 1:33 gradient ramp, stairs and lift to address the existing disability issues
- Planting, elevated viewing platforms and quiet nooks with seating, sandstone features in keeping with the University’s aesthetic
- Awnings to provide sun and weather protection
- Flooring to be a combination of coloured concrete and other non-slip surfaces
- Safety and security features including lighting, emergency call points and CCTV
- Signage – entry statement and way-finding
SITE CONTEXT PHOTOS
PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN LINK

LOCATION OF FUTURE CARPARK / SYNTHETIC FIELD

STUDENT UNION

NEW CITYCAT TERMINAL

ELEANOR SCHONELL BRIDGE

BUS STOP

LAKES PRECINCT

SIR WILLIAM MACGREGOR DRIVE
AWNING: PRE-FINISHED STEEL STRUCTURE
WITH COLORBOND-FINISHED INSULATED PANELLING
AERIAL PERSPECTIVE - NIGHT
ARRIVAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

[Image of a modern architectural design with people walking and greenery around]
VIEW FROM STUDENT UNION

BEFORE

AFTER