

**WBTNI Terms of Reference**  
**Based on public feedback from 2 July-31 July 2007:**

The Western Brisbane Transport Network Investigation will provide a recommendation to the state government on an integrated transport strategy for western Brisbane, with an emphasis on public transport infrastructure improvements. This work will be guided by the following terms of reference:

1. The investigation will assess the community's travel needs, including freight, for the next 20 years and how that need should be responded to in the western Brisbane study area.
2. The investigation will take an integrated approach in assessing the infrastructure needs of all transport modes - public transport, walking, cycling and private vehicles.
3. The investigation will examine a range of transport infrastructure options, with a particular focus on the infrastructure needs of the public transport network. All options will be assessed against transport, social, economic and environmental factors. In doing so, the investigation is aware of other transport initiatives and investigations.
4. The investigation will consider the role existing preserved transport corridors may have in the future network.
5. The investigation will include community consultation and consider feedback throughout the study.
6. The investigation will examine the need for a western bypass of Brisbane and if needed, its projected timing. The investigation will specifically consider a far western bypass option (Brisbane Valley) and a bypass option to the west of Mt Coot-tha in deciding the need for a bypass. In doing this, the investigation should take into account that no route for a western bypass has been chosen and there is currently no recommendation to build one.
7. If a need for a western bypass of Brisbane were established, then a further study to determine its location and timing would be required. The requirement for this further study will only occur after the state government has considered the findings of this investigation. The further study would involve analysis of environmental, social and engineering issues along with extensive community consultation to determine if an acceptable alignment can be found.
8. The investigation will examine the consequences of all options, pursued or not pursued, on the existing road and public transport network in South East Queensland.
9. The investigation will consider the strategic merits of Brisbane City Council's TransApex Northern Link proposal.
10. The investigation will provide a report to the state government with recommendations on a preferred regional transport network development strategy for the western Brisbane study area for the next 20 and more years. The report will include consideration of the priority and affordability of the recommendations.
11. The report is due to be provided to the state government in mid 2008.