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Ipswich to see better public transport services

Ipswich will benefit from the range of public transport commitments made during this election campaign, Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said today.

“Public transport usage has risen dramatically across Queensland in the last two years – as a result of higher petrol prices and the better services provided under TransLink,” Ms Nolan said.

“The State Government’s public transport spend has increased by \$92 million over the last two years and patronage is up 27% across South East Queensland.

“The Beattie Government has just announced that the NightLink train service – a 3.45am service to pick up late night revellers from Brisbane on Friday and Saturday nights will continue permanently after a successful six month trial.

“In addition, Ipswich people will now benefit from commitments for -

- More carriages for more peak hour train services on the Ipswich line
- \$400 000 for an extra 33 car parking bays at Booval Station, bringing the number of car parking spaces to 66
- \$200 000 to upgrade the bus interchange at Ipswich Station, providing better pedestrian access to the station
- A crack down on louts on public transport, CCTV at all stations and “zero tolerance” to graffiti on the network

“As the population of South East Queensland grows and peak oil continues to push petrol prices up, we will come to rely more and more on public transport,” Ms Nolan said.

“These commitments are making public transport a better option for more Ipswich people.”