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Bus route 517 extension improves safety

Bus route 517 (Brassall to Ipswich) will be adjusted and extended from November 30.

Transport Minister Rachel Nolan said the Westside bus service would no longer use two problem intersections which required a sharp turn from Tallon Street into Gladstone Road under Sadliers Crossing Bridge and also turning from a steep incline on Kingsmill Road into Williams Street West.

“This change will improve the safety of passengers and motorists by avoiding sharp turns on narrow roads,” Ms Nolan said.

“The 517 service runs five times a day Monday-Friday and four times a day on Saturdays and carries on average about 970 passengers a month. The route will be extended along Harlin Road and Gladstone Street, increasing bus accessibility for local residents.

“Timing of services will not be affected however buses on this route will no longer operate on Gladstone Road (south of the rail line), Tiger Street, Brisbane Street and parts of Williams Street and Challinor Street,” Ms Nolan said.

Key changes include:

Two low-patronage bus stops in Tiger Street (near Herbert and Johnstone Streets) will no longer be serviced
Current Tallon Street stop moved to new location next to the Thomas Street train station

Passengers can still hail the bus on the north side of Thomas Street train station

Four bus stops along Williams Street West no longer serviced but passengers can hail from Kingsmill Road and Stephenson Street

Three bus stops along Brisbane Street, from Tiger Street to Burnett Street, will no longer be serviced by the 517 but by routes 506 and 516 instead, which allow passengers to transfer at Bell Street. Alternatively, passengers can walk to Burnett Street to hail the route 517 bus.

Ms Nolan said these changes were part of TransLink’s ongoing commitment to service improvement.

Westside buses carried about two million passengers last financial year — a 10 per cent increase on 2007/08.

For more information on these changes, visit www.translink.com.au or call TransLink on 13 12 30 available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.