



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3288-20 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 22 April 2020 regarding the Frederick Street bridge at Alderley.

I acknowledge that the Frederick Street bridge provided pedestrian and cyclist connectivity for the Alderley community and formed an important part of the wider Brisbane cycling network.

Queensland Rail had been closely monitoring the condition of the 100-year-old timber bridge since 2012, undertaking maintenance where practicable, and introducing restrictions to ensure it remained available for community use for as long as safely possible.

Unfortunately, due to unexpected rates of deterioration identified in late-2019, it was necessary to close the bridge on 31 January 2020 to prioritise the safety of all. It was subsequently removed on the weekend of 18 April 2020. While Queensland Rail did not wish to inconvenience the local community, the safety of cyclists, pedestrians, rail customers and the community was, and remains, Queensland Rail's highest priority.

I am pleased to advise that, thanks to strong advocacy by the Member for Stafford, prior to its removal, Queensland Rail has commenced planning for a replacement bridge to re-establish this active transport corridor at Alderley. Queensland Rail has held initial discussions with Brisbane City Council and will continue working collaboratively with them to progress this planning and deliver a replacement pedestrian and cyclist bridge.

I will be writing to each individual signatory of the petition to share this update, and look forward to being able to provide further detail about the replacement bridge in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Bailey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads