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Lauga delivers new bus stop shelters on the Coast

The Palaszczuk Government is on board with \$329,000 in accessibility and shelter upgrades at 21 bus stops across the Livingstone Shire.

Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said, in partnership with Livingstone Shire Council, 14 local bus stops have been or will be fitted with shelters in coming months.

“We know the Central Queensland sun can be harsh and when it rains in our part of the world it can bucket down,” said Ms Lauga.

“The Palaszczuk Government is investing \$266,000 in the upgrade of 14 bus stops from Matthew Flinders Drive to the Scenic Highway to help protect passengers from the elements.

“Our Bus Stop Shelter Program means more shade and sanctuary for passengers waiting for buses on the region’s public transport network.”

Ms Lauga said a further seven bus stops in Livingstone Shire were on the works timetable for accessibility improvements.

“These upgrades are something local residents have spoken with me about and I’m pleased to be able to deliver funding to get the job done.

“The Palaszczuk Government’s funding for Livingstone Shire will also deliver uniform, level concrete boarding areas and tactile surface indicators at stops,” Ms Lauga said.

Improvements planned for the Livingstone Shire’s bus stops are designed to improve comfort and encourage more people to make the switch to affordable public transport, she said.

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“It’s a win for public transport users of all abilities, while also delivering jobs and skills for Central Queenslanders.”

The Palaszczuk Government is providing \$20 million in funding assistance to local councils for bus stops across Queensland over four years with almost 800 stops upgraded in the past year alone.

PHOTO: Brittany Lauga MP with bus passenger Richard at the upgraded James Street bus stop in Yeppoon.

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