Montague Road Community Vision 2035



"Without leaps of imagination or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities.

Dreaming, after all is a form of planning". Gloria Steinem

Our Community Vision

Montague Road is a street of imaginative, diverse experiences and unfolding possibilities – showcasing Brisbane and its citizenry to the world.

Context

Montague Road is located in the critical landscape of limited, highly desirable innercity land in Brisbane, Australia, which will be hosting the 2032 Summer Olympics.

This Vision 2035 has been created from the results of a community engagement process held in the Montague Road precinct (August-September 2022). This was a community-initiated and community-led process.

The results are summarised and documented in the companion document, Visioning for 2035, Montague Road Project Community Engagement Report. The two documents serve as a starting point and resource for government and the urban design and development sector going forward. However, they are not a substitute for community engagement at precinct or project specific levels.

A 4101 story to help us imagine

First Nations peoples walked along shaded tracks beside the river corridor to Kurilpa Point for business and culture.

In 1902, Brisbane was the first Australian city to have electric trams, including through West End, up until 1967. This century, the Kurilpa and Goodwill bridges over the Brisbane River were opened for active transport only, and Victoria Bridge to the CBD was closed to private vehicles to encourage the use of public transport. Two new active transport bridges are proposed from West End to Toowong and St Lucia, while increasing use of personal mobility devices has an eye towards the future.

Do people drive to downtown New York to shop? Perhaps a century ago. Now, never. Do people drive to Brisbane CBD from West End? Once yes, but now rarely and in the future, probably never. Now is a good time to re-think how we imagine our future...



Imagine this for Montague Road in 2035:

Pillar 1: Sustainable Movement

Your first choice is to use active or public transport. This is because your best options are to walk, catch free public transport, ride bicycles, scooters, skateboards.

The road has been re-designed to support you to make these choices where:

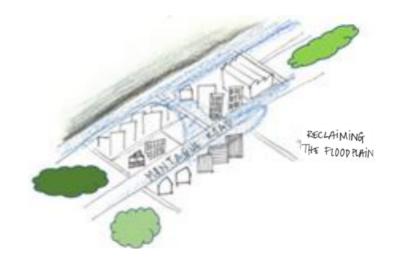
- Footpaths and crossings are safe
- Focus is on pedestrians
- Protected lanes for mobility devices and cycles
- Designated lanes for public transport
- Less emphasis on cars
- Road speed reduced to 30kph
- Commercial traffic access maintained.



Pillar 2: Cool, Green, Blue

Montague Road is acknowledged as Brisbane's coolest, greenest and most waterwise street. , Montague Road showcased the neighbourhood-level response to Climate Change at the 2032 Summer Olympics to a global audience.

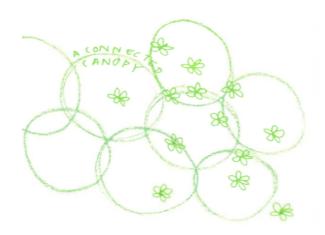
- Thermal heat reduction by reducing hard surfaces
- Integrating water sensitive design
- Increased native vegetation planting
- Increased street tree landscaping
- Flood mitigation
- Water management of stormwater overland flow
- Water fountains.



Pillar 3: Kurilpa Canopy

The forest parkland is heralded as a demonstration of how Brisbane draws on First Nations leadership and knowledge in the management of public spaces for nature, habitat and water management. This connected canopy bookends the iconic South Bank 'Arbour Walkway'.

- Forest parkland created at Kurilpa Point, post Olympics 2032
- First Nations Museum integrated into forest park.
- First Nations management of park
- Road closure at Kurilpa Point
- Indigenous plantings.



Pillar 4 - A Village Experience

Montague Road is people-centric; a comfortable and convenient place for locals and a destination which has become a 'most fascinating street' for visitors.

Everything is underpinned by First Nations recognition, shared values of resilience, social/economic/ environmental capital, creativity, local, business/enterprise, outdoors activity, and multicultural diversity.

- Public spaces for community connection
- Arts and culture opportunities, indoors and outdoors
- Diversity in population homes, businesses, education, employment
- Safe homes
- Interactive community
- Everyone feels welcomed
- Recognition of our past in First Nation history
- Preservation of our heritage buildings.





