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## Ekka Travel Plans Made Easy

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The State Members for Albert, Waterford and Springwood, Mr Mark Boothman MP, Mr Mike Latter MP and Mr John Grant MP, would like to highlight that traveling to the Ekka has been made easy and is urging local residents to plan their journey to the Ekka with the TransLink Journey Planner.

Transport and Main Roads Minister, The Hon Scott Emerson MP said this was the first time the Journey Planner included the Ekka bus timetable and full train timetable. "This year show-goers can map out their best trip before they leave the house and take advantage of 370 extra buses and trains running each day of the Ekka," Mr Emerson said.

"Travelling to the show by public transport will also be more affordable following the introduction of the special Ekka travel ticket. The travel ticket is \$6 for adults or \$3 for children/concession and is available from all attended Queensland Rail stations and on bus and ferry services upon presentation of a valid Ekka entry ticket.

"This will mean a more affordable journey to the show, especially for families travelling from Ipswich, and the Gold and Sunshine Coasts." Trains will be running every 15 minutes on the Exhibition Loop between Roma Street, Central, Fortitude Valley and Exhibition train stations.

Dedicated Ekka shuttle buses will run from more places than ever before, to and from the show every 20 minutes between 9am and 11pm daily. For more information on public transport visit www.translink.com.au or call 13 12 30 anytime.

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