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More bus lanes needed to tackle congestion

Public transport authorities need to speed up the introduction of more bus lanes and busways in Brisbane to address growing congestion problems, according to the Queensland Bus Industry Council (QBIC).

Executive director David Tape says traffic is already choked in the CBD and major arterial roadways and congestion will only worsen as the population increases, which will lead to a higher volume of vehicles on the roads.

“A bus takes roughly 50 cars off the road, so it’s logical that more buses on the road will equal fewer cars on the roads,” said Mr Tape.

“The benefits of fewer vehicles on roads include less wear and tear on road surfaces and less pollution. “It’s about moving people more efficiently and quicker.”

Mr Tape said governments should use data available now to identify hotspots and congestion in and around busy intersections to plan for the future.

“We need priority bus signalling at those hotspots so buses can get around easier and we can move people to and from home and work quicker.

“Congestion is slowing down our economy. As soon as we build a road it fills up with cars and that’s not a good outcome.

“We want an efficient, integrated transport network that is accessible to everyone.”

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