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Media Statement

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go card outlets on the rise in Brisbane's west

Commuters from Brisbane's western suburbs now have an increased number of retailers to access *go* card services, in addition to using the telephone or going on-line.

Transport Minister Rachel Nolan said since October 2009, there has been a significant increase in the number of *go* card retailers and train stations in Brisbane's western suburbs where customers can obtain a card.

"TransLink operates the largest retail network of any smart card in Australia and since November, five new local retailers have been added," Ms Nolan said.

"Businesses continue to apply to become a *go* card retailer and we are in discussion with several other retailers in the south east suburbs to join the network.

"TransLink's recent expansion of the retailer network continued this week with all manned train stations across South East Queensland now selling *go* card, including Auchenflower, Milton and Indooroopilly train stations.

"Additional staff will also be on hand across the network during the peak periods to sell *go* cards and assist passengers.

"This means since November last year, the number of outlets selling the *go* card in Brisbane's western suburbs has risen from 12 to 17 and will continue to rise throughout 2010."

Member for Mt Coot-tha Andrew Fraser said the additional outlets meant it would now be even easier for local commuters to purchase and top up their *go* cards.

"Already more than 600,000 people own a *go* card, and easier access to *go* card services will mean that number should increase more and more," Mr Fraser said.

"Many of us use public transport on a daily basis, so the discounted fares and quicker boarding times that the cards bring about stand to benefit a large chunk of the population.

“The convenience factor is also big motivator for people – not only the fact that they don’t need to worry about having enough change for a fare but also that they can now buy and top up their cards at an increasing number of outlets across that State.”

A \$20 pre-loaded *go* card can now be purchased from:

- Auchenflower train station, Auchenflower Terrace, Auchenflower
- Indooroopilly train station, Railway Avenue, Indooroopilly
- Milton train station, Milton Road, Milton
- Kenmore News and Casket, 2069 Moggill Road, Kenmore
- Wongabel News, Wongabel Street, Kenmore

All new retailers will sell the new \$20 pre-loaded adult, senior and child *go* card. The card is a ready-to-go product, with the same top up facilities and functions as all *go* cards.

Once a *go* card is purchased, there are more than 1000 ways to add value to the card, including:

- Go card retailers (for a full list, call 13 12 30 or visit www.translink.com.au)
- Fare machines at all train stations
- Over the phone and via the web
- Auto top-up feature

Customers wishing to find their nearest retailer should visit www.translink.com.au or phone 13 12 30, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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