



Speech by


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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Transport and Roads Investment Program

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Multicultural Affairs) (10.30 am): As the Minister for Main Roads has outlined, the second edition of the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program, QTRIP, 2011-12 to 2014-15 will allow for a massive injection of funds for transport infrastructure. Queensland's transport network was hit hard by the floods, sustaining more damage than any other piece of public infrastructure, yet the Bligh government will invest a massive \$1.8 billion in transport infrastructure, as outlined in this year's budget. It will drive forward key transport projects such as the Gold Coast rapid light-rail project and the Moreton Bay rail link.

The Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program includes \$175.25 million to continue the Gold Coast Rapid Transit system project, which involves the delivery of stages of a light-rail project from Southport to Broadbeach; \$12 million for early-stage works of the Moreton Bay rail link; \$118.3 million to continue construction of the Richlands-Springfield railway project; \$93.7 million to continue the construction of the Northern Busway between Enoggera Creek and Kedron, extending the existing busway from the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital to Kedron at a total cost of \$731.62 million; and \$66.26 million to complete stage 2A of the Eastern Busway between the South East Busway and Main Avenue.

Right across Queensland, \$48.3 million will be spent on our cycle network, including \$5 million to commence construction of the V1 Pacific Motorway cycleway between O'Keefe Street and Annerley; \$2.2 million to commence construction of a section of cycleway for the David Low Way cycle facility; and \$3 million to commence construction of the east of Sundale Bridge cycleway near Nerang River.

However, we are not stopping there. In relation to trains, we have \$61.8 million for the fabrication of an extra 30 three-car passenger trains. In relation to buses, Cairns members will be very pleased that \$12 million will be provided to commence work on the City Place bus station, at a total cost of \$36 million. I know that Cairns members have been calling for that. A sum of \$1.1 million will be provided to construct the cycling and walking track between Yeppoon and Bondoola. This massive investment demonstrates our continued commitment to our vision of connecting Queensland. Transport across Queensland is vital, and that is why we are backing it with this substantial funding.