

Speech by


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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

South-East Queensland Cycle Network

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Multicultural Affairs) (10.13 am): The Queensland government has a strong record of delivering multimillion dollar cycling infrastructure in our state. I am delighted to inform the House that this will continue with more than \$48 million allocated to major cycling infrastructure projects in South-East Queensland next financial year. This funding will contribute to delivering a network of cycle routes that form a strategic cycle network for South-East Queenslanders. The network stretches from Noosa down the Sunshine Coast, through Brisbane and the Ipswich regions and to the Gold Coast and extending out to Toowoomba. This is an important part of the Queensland government's commitment to promote green transport options and to get more people cycling more often.

The projects to receive funding include: \$6.89 million to the remaining stages of the Bicentennial Bikeway, \$2.2 million towards the bridge across Schulz Canal at Nundah that will connect Nudgee Road and the airport, over \$1 million for the Moreton Bay Cycleway, over \$2.5 million for the Tugun-Bilinga Oceanway, \$2.2 million for the Surfers South Oceanway, and over \$400,000 for the Brassall Bikeway Connection. This funding will also be used for the design and construction for future cycling along sections of David Low Way on the Sunshine Coast. I know that the member for Kawana is very pleased with this good news.

Mr Bleijie: They've got a great local member.

Ms PALASZCZUK: And a minister that delivers. The funding will also go towards cycle lanes to be constructed along Anzac Avenue in Moreton Bay to North Lakes to Rothwell Park. I know that the member for Murrumba will be very pleased with that news. Mr Speaker, there is something for you. The funding will be used for the design of a cycle and pedestrian bridge over Scrubby Creek along Kingston Road at Logan. I am quite sure you will be very pleased with that and we will expect to see you cycling in the coming years.

These are just a few of the 40-plus projects to receive funding over the next financial year. These projects are part of the state government's \$600 million commitment until 2031 to develop cycle routes as part of the South-East Queensland Principal Cycle Network Plan.