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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

### **National Road Safety Week; Bike Week**

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (9.59 am): This week marks a very important event—National Road Safety Week—and I am glad to see so many members wearing their yellow ribbons today in support of road safety. Each year, over 1,200 people are killed and more than 30,000 are seriously injured on Australian roads. The impact of road trauma on our community is enormous. Every serious road crash has ongoing and devastating effects for families, communities and our economy, and most of these tragedies are preventable.

Supporting National Road Safety Week draws attention to our ambitious vision of zero road trauma, and it also provides the opportunity to challenge Queenslanders to take responsibility for road safety. Key landmarks like the Story Bridge, the Sir Leo Hielscher Bridges, the Victoria Bridge and our Parliament House will be lit yellow to symbolise our commitment to driving so others survive and to remember people who have been affected by road crashes. The Palaszczuk government is absolutely committed to improving road safety. We have been working with stakeholders like the RACQ and other community peak bodies, including through delivering five Safer Roads, Safer Queensland Forums, three Co-Lab young driver events and a Citizens' Taskforce.

We are delivering more than \$158 million in road safety infrastructure funding in 2017-18 alone; our Community Road Safety Grants scheme which encourages grassroots programs, and I remind members that the 2018 round is currently open for applications; our Cooperative and Automated Vehicle Initiative which is investing in the latest and most promising technology; and our flashing school zone signs, with 100 school zones going in each and every year.

Yesterday I announced a huge \$112 million in road safety funding under our High Risk Roads safety package. This significant funding allocation will deliver safety treatments on six of Queensland's most dangerous sections of road. The six roads to receive funding are Gladstone Benaraby Road; Mount Glorious Road and Samford-Mount Glorious Road; Burpengary-Caboolture Road and Beerburum Road; the Captain Cook Highway; Beadesert-Beenleigh Road; and the South MacLean section of the Mount Lindesay Highway. This important road safety initiative will not only make some of Queensland's most dangerous roads safer but also create 306 direct jobs across Queensland during the life of these projects.

I note too that, in addition to National Road Safety Week, this week is also Bike Week, so I encourage all members to take this important message back to their constituents. We all have a role to play in ensuring the safety of our most vulnerable road users—pedestrians, bicycle riders and motorcycle riders—and making our roads safer for everybody in our community.