



Speech By  
**Hon. Mark Bailey**


**MEMBER FOR MILLER**

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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (2.58 pm): Traffic and transport moving around my electorate of Miller is very important. In the new suburbs of my electorate—Graceville, Sherwood, Chelmer—traffic and traffic congestion is a major issue. I have been very supportive of a second Walter Taylor Bridge in the existing corridor which the Brisbane City Council has allocated. I understand the Lord Mayor has brought down his budget. I am hopeful the Brisbane City Council will come forward and start doing their fair share when it comes to traffic in my electorate, particularly when it comes to the new parts of my electorate.

The state government is certainly doing its fair share. There is \$200 million to six-lane the Ipswich Motorway from Granard Road to the Oxley Road roundabout. There is Cross River Rail—a \$5.4 billion project that will benefit every rail line and every commuter across South-East Queensland, including the two lines through my electorate. The upgrades to the Graceville station have been very well received—a \$20 million investment—and Fairfield is next. Planning is underway for the Centenary Bridge upgrade, as well as the Sumners Road upgrade, which is a \$68 million investment on the Centenary side.

**Ms Pugh:** Hear, hear!

**Mr BAILEY:** It is not in my electorate but it is certainly one that is of interest to people who move around regionally. I hear the enthusiasm of the member for Mount Ommaney, who was critical in getting that project up and running. We are building Veloway 2, the second section of the Veloway along the South East Freeway, for those people who wish to ride a bike to get around.

The state government is absolutely doing its fair share, but we need local government to partner with us not just to get the design work underway for a second Walter Taylor Bridge and to involve the community but also to deal with the Oxley Road choke point where the rail line goes over Oxley Road. It is a bugbear of local constituents who want to see action there. We have committed to doing our work to widen the rail corridor. All we need is for the Brisbane City Council to agree to doing the bitumen and footpath readjustments around that area. That is probably a minor part of that project, so I am hopeful that the Brisbane City Council might come to the party and invest in the area when it comes to traffic along Oxley Road, because that has been sadly neglected over the last decade or so.

Even if there is action today by the Brisbane City Council, it is probably a four- to five-year period before we will see anything constructed along the lines of a second Walter Taylor Bridge. We need to get the process started now. The best case scenario is that we will see another five years of congestion. My view is that it should be a minimal size bridge. The community needs to be intimately involved in

how it is designed and how the local road network is designed both north and south of the river. My community needs to have genuine input. It needs to be a genuine two-way process. By the time we get a detailed design done, consultation through, tenders done and construction started, that is a long process. It is time that the Brisbane City Council stood up and started investing in my electorate in the Graceville, Chelmer and Sherwood areas.

*(Time expired)*