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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (8.06 pm): I would like to report to the House progress on the Palaszczuk government's investment in transport infrastructure and facilitating 5 new infrastructure in my seat of Miller. As I previously reported, my constituents have benefited enormously from the Veloway that was completed last year, a bicycle freeway cutting off 10 minutes from Greenslopes and Tarragindi to Buranda. I am pleased to report that the next section of the Veloway, the last substantial section—there are a couple of other areas that will still need to be done—from Gaza Road at Tarragindi all the way to Bapaume Road and over Marshall Road is underway. I know my constituents will be very happy to hear that. This section will have three bridges. It will be a separated cycleway—again, saving a lot of time and improving road safety. Motorists in the area benefit as well when a person gets out of their car and gets onto a bike for their commute.

The Ipswich Motorway project—a \$400 million jointly funded project facilitated by the Palaszczuk government—in my electorate and a number of other electorates is progressing very strongly, as anyone who has driven through there would know. The deck will be raised so it will be much more flood immune. There will be extra lanes. There is a separated cycleway. When you build big road infrastructure, of course you should make sure active transport is catered for as well. This will be an entirely new route because you certainly would not cycle through there at the moment. You will be able to do so separated and safely in the future when the project is done. With the savings, we have been able to do the Boundary Road connection as well. Because it has been so well managed, we are getting more road and more efficiency in the network.

The design of the Fairfield train station upgrade is progressing very well. It has been very well received by local commuters and it will be a very well-used station, especially when Cross River Rail starts. We are seeing the ramping up this financial year of the Cross River Rail project. Let me be clear: this will be the first underground line in Brisbane. It is going to really transform the way this city looks at itself, in some ways a bit like how the CityCats opened up the river. We have never seen ourselves as an underground rail city, but we will when Cross River Rail opens.

With the Yeronga TAFE site, we have been doing a lot of consultation with the community and we are progressing very well. I have said to people that it looks a bit like the *Walking Dead* when you go through there at the moment because it is sad to see the old building so decrepit with vandalism and that sort of thing. I know the local community at Yeronga and Annerley will be very pleased to see that redeveloped, and to see new groups in there to work with our community. There is a lot going on in the Miller electorate by the Palaszczuk Labor government. I am proud to be the local member and we will keep working hard.