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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (9.57 am): This government invests in transport infrastructure, creating jobs and boosting economic growth. The Palaszczuk government is delivering our record \$21.7 billion Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program. QTRIP will support an average of 19,200 direct jobs over four years. Transformational projects are happening across Queensland, thanks to this government's investment.

The \$1.1 billion Gateway Upgrade North project is on target to be finished by the end of this year. The \$812 million Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, including widening between Caloundra Road and the Sunshine Motorway, will improve travel times, increase road safety and reduce congestion. The \$400 million Ipswich Motorway Rocklea to Darra project will improve safety and travel times, supporting 470 jobs.

Our government has secured \$2.3 billion in joint funding for four major M1 upgrades. Two major upgrades to widen the M1 are well underway at Mudgeeraba to Varsity Lakes and at the Gateway merge. When those works finish, two more major upgrades will start immediately, between Eight Mile Plains and Daisy Hill and from Varsity Lakes to Tugun. At a minimum, those works will provide six M1 lanes from Brisbane to the border.

Work is almost completed on the Warrego Highway Upgrade Program, including the \$59 million Dalby Western Access Upgrade between Condamine Street and Watt Street, and the \$35 million overtaking lanes project between Dalby and Miles. Procurement has started for the \$63 million widening project on the Warrego Highway between Dalby and Miles. Construction is expected to start on that earlier next year. The \$1.6 billion Toowoomba Second Range Crossing project is scheduled to be completed by mid-2019, providing a long-awaited heavy vehicle bypass for Queensland's largest inland city.

In Central Queensland, the \$497 million Mackay Ring Road project is progressing well with construction completion expected in mid-2020. The \$189 million Eton Range realignment project on the Peak Downs Highway is on track to finish mid next year. I know the member for Maryborough will be very pleased to hear that we are also expected to finish the \$26 million upgrading of the Pialba-Burrum Heads Road and the Scrub Hill Road-Wide Bay Drive intersection ahead of schedule.

In Rockhampton procurement is underway for the \$121 million Rockhampton Northern Access Upgrade stage 1 project, with construction scheduled to commence before the end of the year. Three massive road projects in North and Far North Queensland will deliver jobs for our north. Construction on the \$514.3 million Haughton River flood plain project on the Bruce Highway and the \$104.1 million Cairns southern access corridor between Kate Street and Aumuller Street project have started. I was very pleased to be at the sod turning recently. Both are scheduled for completion in 2021. The

construction of the \$152 million Smithfield Bypass project will also start soon. Procurement is underway and construction is due to start before the end of the year. This is another project commenced by this government.

Unlike the cut, sack and sell policies of the previous government, the Palaszczuk government continues to invest in new infrastructure and new jobs for Queensland. People will get investment in infrastructure from us—not cut, sack and sell.