




Speech By
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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (10.03 am): I am proud to work in a government that keeps its promises to the people of Queensland. For the third year in a row we are delivering record investment via QTRIP—\$21.7 billion over four years for transport and roads infrastructure supporting an average of 19,200 jobs. Major projects in construction include upgrades to the Ipswich Motorway, the Mackay Ring Road, the Gateway Arterial North, the Hann Highway, the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing, the Peninsula Developmental Road in Cape York, Riverway Drive, the Warrego Highway and two M1 upgrades underway at the Gateway merge and Varsity Lakes and two to come. We remain committed—

Mr Lister interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Sorry, Minister. Member for Southern Downs, I have already had to chip you once this morning. You are warned under the standing orders for repeated interjections.

Mr BAILEY: We remain committed to our \$8.5 billion 10-year Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, including important projects like the \$1 billion Cooroy to Curra upgrade and the Caloundra Road to Sunshine Motorway upgrade, which is well underway now. Early works have also started thanks to the \$550 million joint commitment for the Nambour to Beerburrum rail duplication. We allocated \$300 million to a five-year upgrade program to make our railway stations more accessible. The Palaszczuk government will ensure that everyone will be able to use our stations, including those with disabilities. Upgrades have been completed at Graceville, Dinmore, Nambour, Alderley and Newmarket. Works have started at Morayfield—

Mr Crandon interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Coomera, you are warned under the standing orders. I make the point that the minister appears to be reading a list of projects. I do not believe he is being particularly combative. I ask you to cease your interjections.

Mr BAILEY: Works have started at Morayfield, Boondall and Strathpine and planning is underway for station upgrades at Buranda, Albion, Loganlea, Cannon Hill, East Ipswich, Auchenflower and Dakabin. We said we would invest \$114 million to build 2,300 parking bays at our park-and-ride facilities and we are well underway in doing that. This week commuters at Mains Road at Nathan had the first chance to use their new multistorey car park—the first multistorey park-and-ride ever built in Queensland to service major bus routes. Park-and-ride upgrades are also being planned at Springfield, Murarrie, Cannon Hill, Ormeau, Ebbw Vale, Salisbury, Eight Mile Plains, Geebung, Lindum, Lawnton, Greenbank and Darra.

The rail system in South-East Queensland has stabilised and is improving with 5.4 million extra public transport trips and—wait for it—1.7 million extra trips on rail in the last financial year. Commuters are voting with their feet. More than 182 million public transport trips were taken on the system—the

most on record. Gradual increases to train crew supply are delivering incremental improvements for customers, with both the June-July and September school holiday periods not requiring service downgrades despite previously being identified as timetable stress periods. The Palaszczuk government is also delivering eight training schools this year for train drivers to increase the pipeline of both guards and drivers and we remain focused on restoring services and improving the rail system after Queensland Rail suffered a net loss of 48 train drivers under the previous LNP government.

We are building bike-riding infrastructure, with work now underway on stage E of the Veloway at Tarragindi which will provide riders with a separated 17-kilometre route from Eight Mile Plains in the city of Logan all the way into the Brisbane CBD. We also promised and are delivering more and better boat facilities across Queensland by extending the Marine Infrastructure Fund for two years with \$30 million.