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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

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 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (2.39 pm): It is a new year, and that means new milestones for Mount Ommaney infrastructure projects. I would love to start with an update on the much awaited Sumner Road overpass. It has just had its new design finalised. Last year the department and the minister committed to future-proof this incredibly busy overpass by upgrading our upgrade design. That is right; you heard correctly. At a cost of more than \$65 million, the newly approved design features six lanes—up from its current two—a new cyclist underpass and a much improved commute time to Darra which, of course, means the Darra park-and-ride. I cannot wait to see construction start on this project later this year.

In last year's budget Mount Ommaney received over \$1 million in the emergency services budget to fix our 35-year-old fire station, and just a few shorts months later it has undergone an extensive renovation. The new 'old station' is about to reopen, and it looks fantastic. It is really exciting, and as a community we are looking forward to taking delivery of that project early next month.

Planning on the Centenary Motorway continues to push ahead. Since having \$20 million allocated in last year's budget we are pushing ahead with planning and, like everyone else who commutes into the city from the Centenary suburbs and beyond, I know that this project is absolutely vital for families in my community. Late last year I was also thrilled to hear from my friend and colleague Minister Bailey that the land for the Darra park-and-ride has been secured, which means that the next stage can now commence. In the coming months we will see design work get underway for the design of the park-and-ride to allow for an additional 181 car parks, taking the total number of car parks at the Darra park-and-ride to 441, at a total cost of \$8.7 million.

On a slightly smaller but no less important note, St Catherine's footy club—or soccer club—has secured over \$100,000 for their footy fields to be resurfaced. After a bumper sign-on season over the last few weekends at the Middle Park village, they are going to need it. The Oxley secondary school site demolition of old school buildings commenced over the festive season. Today I am thrilled to announce that two new community consultations are scheduled for March to share with the community the proposed development scheme.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful Tet Vietnamese New Year festival organised by the Vietnamese Community of Australia, Queensland chapter. Dr Bui, Q1 and their amazing volunteers deserve every dollar of the state funding they received for this event. To the Mount Ommaney community I say happy lunar new year and to my wonderful Vietnamese community I say chuc mung na moi.