




Speech By
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Budget, Transport and Main Roads

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (10.04 am): The Palaszczuk Labor government's previous budgets established the pipeline of major projects that today employ thousands of Queenslanders. From M1 upgrades to the Smithfield bypass north of Cairns, from the Rockhampton northern access upgrade to the sealing being done on Cape York, today people are turning up to work because of the Palaszczuk Labor government's investment in these important and often regional road projects.

This year's Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program outlines the projects to be prioritised for Queenslanders. Once again, we have delivered a record infrastructure program for Queenslanders—\$23 billion over four years that will create more than 21,400 jobs. More than \$14.5 billion of that funding will be spent outside the metropolitan area. This budget will ensure that more than 13,500 jobs are created in regional Queensland.

Our investment will make the Bruce Highway safer and more flood resilient between Cairns and Brisbane. We will continue to seal the peninsula development roads supporting Indigenous employment and training opportunities and, importantly, opening up new economic and tourism opportunities in Cape York. Improvements on the Warrego Highway west of Toowoomba will continue. We will work with the Commonwealth to plan and develop improvements east of Toowoomba, including on the Cunningham Highway.

This budget will pour funding into congestion-busting projects so that people spend less time in their cars and more time with their family and friends. We will continue upgrading the Ipswich Motorway and progress the Sumners Road interchange on the Centenary Highway. Of course, we will keep building a better M1 from Brisbane to the border. We have committed funding to upgrade three M1 interchanges that serve our growing northern Gold Coast communities—exits 41, 49 and 57. Of course, we will see the four major M1 upgrades continue—two are underway now and two will follow straight after—after the lost years of the Newman government. Ring-road projects in Townsville, Rockhampton, Mackay and Cairns will take traffic, particularly trucks, off local roads and help businesses move their goods to market quicker. These investments boost our economy and provide efficient bypass routes between regional centres to reduce travel times and, importantly, cost to business.

Our road safety budget has been boosted by \$205 million over four years, with more than \$900 million to fix dangerous roads. Billions of dollars have been allocated for rail and passenger transport projects. We will deliver 17 train station upgrades and invest \$250 million to reshape Brisbane's Roma Street station precinct by undergrounding the busway. We will continue to invest in upgraded—

Mr Minnikin interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Chatsworth, you are warned under the standing orders for continual interjections.

Mr BAILEY: To build on the reported patronage that we are seeing on public transport in South-East Queensland, we will continue to invest in upgraded bus stops, expand park-and-rides and make train stations more accessible to people with disabilities and parents with prams. Under the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme, which was cut by the Newman government, council controlled regional road networks will be supported by \$280 million over four years. There is also more than \$100 million for boat ramps, pontoons, jetties, floating walkways and dredging activities to support our boaties right across Queensland. There is also \$45 million for the southside veloway and \$17 million for the Northern Brisbane Bikeway.

This year's Transport and Main Roads budget continues our focus on investing in job-creating projects across the state, improving economic productivity and keeping our election promises. This is absolutely a budget for all Queenslanders.