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Strathpine, Intersection Upgrade

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (7.28 pm): It is a pleasure to update the House on the progress of the safety improvement works at the Gympie Road and Dixon Street intersection in Strathpine. This is long-awaited work for my community that will soon begin to transform the Gympie Road roundabout intersection with Dixon and Hall streets into a signalised intersection. In total, the project will remove the roundabout and two signalised pedestrian crossings, replacing them all with one signalised intersection.

The upgrade is funded under the Palaszczuk government's Safer Roads Sooner program to reduce the number of crashes occurring at this intersection. Some of the key features of the project include an upgrade of the existing roundabout into the four-way signalised intersection, extending the centre median strip on Gympie Road to remove unsafe right turns into and out of Hall Street south—this means access to Hall Street south will be left in, left out only—provide dedicated lanes for all traffic movements from Hall Street north; replace the existing signalised crossings on Gympie Road with staged pedestrian crossings at new traffic signals; install new signalised pedestrian crossings at Dixon and Hall streets; and provide a facility on Gympie Road for traffic to continue to perform the essential U-turn function.

Preliminary works kicked off last week and construction works will commence in March. The upgrade is scheduled to be completed by early December 2019, which will be an exciting development for my community and commuters who use this artery. Over the coming months commuters can expect: lane closures and short-term disruptions, including temporary diversions; a combination of day and night works to ensure the project is delivered as quickly as possible; some construction traffic from the works; and the temporary removal of some on-street parking on Mecklem and Hall streets to allow for traffic diversions during construction and ensure visibility respectively. We have also integrated community feedback into the design that we sought in 2017, including the addition of dedicated lanes for right turns and through traffic movements on Hall Street, providing U-turn facilities on Gympie Road and installing signalised pedestrian crossings at all intersection approaches.

This is the kind of critical infrastructure investment project that the Palaszczuk government is investing in right across our region. While we understand that roadworks can be frustrating for the local community and we endeavour to complete these works as quickly as possible, we also appreciate that the less time commuters spend on the road the more time they have with their families. That is why removing the roundabout on Gympie Road is not our only project. We are also removing the roundabout at Petrie and investing in major planning and upgrade works for overpasses at Strathpine Road and Gympie Arterial Road and Linkfield Road and Gympie Arterial Road. These are all major bottlenecks for commuters in our community.