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 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (6.28 pm): This week I have joined with the many Queenslanders who are enjoying the 200,000 additional seats on Queensland Rail trains. We have a great story to tell in the train space, with 430 additional weekly services just recently being added to the timetable. For the last two financial years, we have seen increased patronage on our trains which is sensational. This week I have caught the train from Lawnton, Strathpine and Bray Park.

At Strathpine station I was able to examine firsthand the accessibility upgrade work that is occurring at that station. I am really excited because this weekend we will see the lifts installed on platforms 2 and 3 and the western car park. That is going to cause a little bit of inconvenience for commuters as that western car park will be closed throughout the duration. Lawnton station is also seeing an upgrade of 250 car park spaces. It is a train station I share with my colleague Shane King, the member for Kurwongbah. I know he is as excited as I am about that additional infrastructure for our local community.

At the last election I committed to improving transport through my community and I identified local transport upgrades as a key priority. The recent Palaszczuk Labor state budget will see much needed road projects completed in every single corner of the Pine Rivers electorate. The Linkfield Road overpass will be duplicated and the Strathpine Road-Gympie Arterial Road overpass will also have significant capacity increases once the promised federal funding has been made available. Earlier this week my colleague the member for Aspley, Bart Mellish, called on the federal government to bring forward that funding. I support those comments wholeheartedly. We need to get moving on these major bottlenecks in our communities.

Major intersections will also be upgraded on Samford Road and South Pine Road, and works are already underway on Gympie Road through both Lawnton and Strathpine. This budget will see those works completed. Really excitingly, outside the front of what was the Westfield at Strathpine, now the Strathpine Centre, the roundabout is in the middle of being removed. That will completely transform that section of Gympie Road for my community.

Every state road connecting my electorate is being improved to help reduce congestion, to help commuters get home sooner and to spend less time on the road. These are really exciting initiatives for the community and I could not be prouder to deliver them than I am now.