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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (9.24 pm): In my electorate a range of very important transport projects are underway that are very beneficial to my electorate. The Yeronga station upgrade as part of the Cross River Rail project is advancing extremely well, as anyone who has travelled along Fairfield Road in recent months would know. It is a full accessibility upgrade—a brand new station. People of all levels of mobility will benefit from the Yeronga station upgrade as part of Cross River Rail. Then they will move on to the Fairfield station after that and then the Yeerongpilly station. Although they have lifts, they will then see higher platforms and an extra platform for Cross River Rail.

People using the stations like Fairfield, Yeronga and Yeerongpilly will benefit hugely from the Cross River Rail project not just due to the station upgrades but because of the fact they will be able to go straight into the city for the first time, to the Gabba for games and events for the first time and also to the new Albert Street station, right in the heart of the city for the first time. It will be a very direct rail connection for people who live in Fairfield, Annerley, Yeerongpilly, Tennyson and those sorts of areas around my electorate. It will be fantastic. The tunnelling is going very well; I have been there recently. The Gabba station box has been fully excavated. Albert Street will also be fantastic. The breakthrough at Boggo Road is not that far off, so I look forward to keeping people informed about that. This project is on time and on budget.

In terms of roadways, we see the Ipswich Motorway is fully open now. It is a fantastic addition to our transport infrastructure. There are extra lanes, service lanes and extra active transport, which I will talk about in a moment. I look forward to participating in the feasibility study from the council on the duplication of the Walter Taylor Bridge, which crosses the river from Chelmer to Indooroopilly. We only have one lane of traffic between Centenary and the inner city. In this day and age it is just not enough. It is great to see that feasibility study committed to by the council. I want to see my constituents have the ability to have input into it and I will be advocating for them.

The Ipswich Motorway bikeway is open and it is fantastic. We have now finished the Granard Road connection so there is a safe way through there to Bunnings. The next stage will be to turn the footpath into a shared pathway to connect the Riawena Road bikeway with that section. It will be a whole new corridor—fantastic separated and safe cycling on the south side. The Veloway is going very well through Tarragindi. It is open now and very well used. We have widened the shared path through Tarragindi stage 1 to three metres and we are now doing stage 2. That will be fully completed in the next couple of months.

Fairfield Road needs its own on-road separated cycleway. There is the room to connect the new Ipswich cycleway all the way in to Dutton Park to the Annerley Road cycleway if the council commits to some feasibility. I urge them to respond to my letter positively so we can get some planning done there. A lot is happening on the south side. I look forward to keeping people updated. There are a lot of projects underway.