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 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (9.00 pm): Tonight I rise to talk about transport, which is one of those issues that impacts all of our lives in some way or another, whether we travel by car, ride a bike, catch a train or bus, walk or use e-mobility, which is the new thing. Because of the way that our roads and public transport systems integrate, where we build bikeways, footpaths and commuter car parks shapes our journeys. It is a big responsibility. That is why I am proud of what I have helped to achieve with my Kurwongbah communities in this space.

To mention a few things, there is the Moreton Bay railway, a new park-and-ride at Lawnton station, an upgrade and two-storey carpark at Dakabin station and an accessibility upgrade at Burpengary station, with money for a park-and-ride business case. There is now over \$12 million in funding for Narangba station parking. I thank the director-general of Transport and Main Roads for confirming that dollar amount during our estimates hearing and for advising that that work is expected to begin early next year. I look forward to that sod turning soon. We cannot forget 50-cent fares, a Labor initiative that I know all in this place now love. I thank the LNP for taking up Labor Party policy. Well done and good on them all. I appreciate them taking up our policy.

However, it is not practical for everyone to catch public transport. For Kurwongbah commuters who drive, we have achieved highway interchange upgrades at Boundary Road, Narangba and New Settlement Road, Burpengary. I had a briefing recently about plans for the Uhlmann Road interchange, and I know that locals will be very excited when that work begins. We got rid of the old Petrie roundabout and upgraded the intersection with lights. I can count on one hand the number of complaints my office has received about that. We have made safety improvements at Vores Road and Gleeson Road, with more work to come on Morayfield Road if funding is not lost by the LNP in their new QTRIP.

There are not many state roads in my electorate as most are council roads. I know the City of Moreton Bay has copped a bit of flak lately about local roads in Narangba with surface disrepair involving rain, heavy trucks, connectivity issues and capacity to carry the increased traffic from new developments. I want to give a shout-out to a couple of locals championing these issues. Firstly, I acknowledge Haley Riches from Narangba, who is running a petition to fix the traffic intersections next to Narangba train station. People can search 'Narangba rail crossing' at change.org to add their voice or sign the parliamentary petition that went live today. Secondly, I acknowledge my friend Carl Enchelmaier, who is running in the division 11 council by-election because he believes in planning better for growth, putting in better infrastructure and having better communication between locals and all levels of government. We can always achieve more when we work together. I would love to work with Carl and I wish him well. I also acknowledge Darren Grimwade. He will be missed. He is a former councillor but has now left council. He worked well with everyone. The community will miss him.

Finally, on my website I am running a survey about public transport options and usage in my electorate. Visit shaneking.net.au to have your say and help shape our future priorities.