

Question on Notice

No. 1449

Asked on 17 November 2021

DR M ROBINSON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the SEQ City Deal and the identified need for major transport infrastructure to service East and South-East Brisbane and Redland City leading into and during the 2032 Olympic Games—

Will the Minister provide an update on the duplication of the Cleveland rail line and the Eastern Busway?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Oodgeroo for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is undertaking planning for the Cleveland rail line, which includes the Manly to Cleveland section, to improve reliability and travel times. Delivery of upgrades or improvements recommended by the planning investigations would be dependent on, and staged according to, the highest investment priorities across the transport and rail networks to meet population growth and service demand. In the meantime, Cross River Rail will assist as it will reduce the interactions between Cleveland line trains and Gold Coast and Beenleigh services at critical junctions like Park Road.

Eastern Priority Bus Corridor improvements are key to providing quality public transport outcomes in the eastern suburbs of Brisbane and Redland City. TMR continues to review cost-effective options to improve bus travel times, service reliability and active transport connections in the corridor.

The Palaszczuk Government is getting on with delivering the Eastern Transitway. Construction of Stage 1 bus priority measures on Old Cleveland Road through Carindale is well underway, with works scheduled for completion mid-2022. The timing of further detailed planning and business case development will be subject to forecast demand and available funding, including potential cost-sharing with other levels of government.

The *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2021–22 to 2024–25* is the sixth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, outlining \$27.5 billion in investment over the next four years and estimated to support an average of 24,000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$3.371 billion is committed across TMR's Metropolitan Region, covering Brisbane City and the Redlands, which is estimated to support an average of 2930 direct jobs over the life of the program.