

## Question on Notice

No. 1460

Asked on 17 November 2021

**MR S MINNIKIN** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise if the Department of Transport and Main Roads has determined which transport infrastructure projects will need to be delivered prior to the 2032 Olympic Games?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

In awarding the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Brisbane 2032) to Brisbane and Queensland, the International Olympic Committee recognised the quality of our transport system, the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to enhancing our networks and services, and our successful track record in delivering transport for major events including the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Transport infrastructure to support Brisbane 2032 will first and foremost be designed to meet the needs of Queensland's growing population, including maintaining our strong commitment to investment in regional Queensland. Transport priorities to support this growth are set out in the Regional Transport Plans.

The Brisbane 2032 bid identified a range of major road and public transport projects—already committed—to support operations for Brisbane 2032. These projects include:

- Cross River Rail
- Brisbane Metro
- Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3
- Beerburrum to Nambour Rail upgrade
- Northern Transitway
- Eastern Transitway
- Gateway Motorway Upgrade (Bracken Ridge to Pine River)
- Bruce Highway Upgrades (Pine River to Sunshine Motorway)
- Pacific Motorway upgrades (Eight Mile Plains to Tugun)
- Coomera Connector
- Centenary Motorway bridge upgrade
- Warrego Highway upgrades.

These projects will provide critical extra network capacity and improved network reliability.

Additional transport infrastructure—road, rail, bus and active transport—will be required to support Queensland's growth while meeting the Brisbane 2032 transportation task. The scope and priority of these additional projects will be determined through further detailed planning, undertaken in collaboration with the Australian Government and local councils.

The Palaszczuk Government welcomes the Australian Government's announcement that it will contribute funding towards essential infrastructure for the Olympics on a 50:50 basis with the State. Inter-governmental frameworks to coordinate infrastructure priorities and confirm cost sharing arrangements between the three levels of government are currently being developed.

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, \$11.1 billion is committed across South East Queensland, which is estimated to support an average of 9600 direct jobs over the life of the program.

Queensland's world-leading pandemic response has made it the place to be and, to support the State's population boom, significant road upgrades are being delivered as part of *Queensland's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan*. With Brisbane 2032 on the horizon, these upgrades provide immediate economic benefits, support more jobs and deliver ongoing benefits of vital infrastructure for years to come.