

Question on Notice

No. 1138

Asked on 14 September 2023

MR D CRISAFULLI ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail project and advice provided at estimates in 2022 that ‘tenders for design and construction [are] expected to be released throughout 2023’ (Question on Notice No. 11)—

Will the Minister provide a list of design and construction tenders released this year, or to be released this year, and for each (a) whether the contract is for design or construction, (b) the deliverables for each contract and (c) the date that the contract was, or is planned, to be awarded?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Broadwater for the question.

The Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail (LGC) project will improve rail services between some of Australia’s fastest growing cities by addressing track and rail system constraints towards Logan and the Gold Coast. The LGC project involves key infrastructure investments to help Queensland get ready for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, while delivering integrated transport outcomes for local communities.

The LGC project will double the number of tracks between Kuraby and Beenleigh and deliver modernised rail systems, station upgrades, level crossing removals and signalling works to support the growing population and rail patronage demand between Brisbane, Logan and the Gold Coast. It will be delivered through multiple works packages to best draw on industry capability and deliver benefits for customers and the community.

Following on from a Registration of Interest process in August 2023, the Palaszczuk Government is progressing three major packages of work moving to the next phase of procurement. On 10 October 2023, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) released Requests for Proposals to accepted registrants for the Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail Project Level Crossing Removal Package and Rail Package, as well as Expressions of Interest for the Loganlea Station Relocation. These procurement activities are key steps towards delivery of this major rail initiative, with delivery timeframes subject to further approvals by the Australian and Queensland governments.

The Level Crossing Removal package will remove existing level crossings at Beenleigh Road at Kuraby station and Station Road at Bethania station and improve safety for these local communities. These works will be delivered through a collaborative design and construct contract.

The rail package will deliver the major rail works between Kuraby and Beenleigh, including duplicating the tracks from two to four, station upgrades, the remaining level crossing removals, local road works and active transport connections. The design and construction of this complex brownfield project will be delivered through an alliance contract.

TMR is also inviting Expressions of Interest from registrants for construction of the Loganlea Station Relocation Project. This project will relocate and upgrade Loganlea train station and park 'n' ride to better connect customers with nearby health, education and community services—particularly Logan Hospital, Loganlea TAFE and Loganlea State High School.

Procurements of this nature generally take between 12 and 24 months from commencement to contract execution.