

Question on Notice

No. 274

Asked on 28 March 2023

MR M BERKMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the timing for delivering the bus priority corridors in the SEQ RTP 'SEQ Frequent Public Transport Network 2041' on page 53 (the SEQ RTP bus priority corridors) and the Creating Better Connections for Queenslanders report which states, at page 29, that the SEQ RTP bus priority corridors 'will be implemented progressively over the next 10 years'—

Will the Minister advise (a) has the department commenced detailed planning to deliver the proposed bus priority corridors on Sir Fred Schonell Dr, Moggill Rd (Kenmore to Indooroopilly), Jubilee Tce Bardon, Latrobe Tce Paddington, Musgrave Rd Red Hill, Kelvin Grove Rd Kelvin Grove, Lutwyche Rd (Federation St to Truro St), Kingsford Smith Drive, Montague Rd West End, and Ipswich Rd (Woolloongabba to Moorooka) by 2031 and (b) has the government allocated funding to support the planning and delivery of these bus priority works?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maiwar for the question.

The SEQ Frequent Public Transport Network 2041 are indicative maps only outlining the intended extent of the future network by 2041. These maps will provide Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), local governments, and the wider South East Queensland (SEQ) community with guidance on the likely shape and extent of the future network. The map identifies where bus priority may be needed.

Creating Better Connections for Queenslanders is a 10-year plan for Queensland passenger transport that was released on 16 August 2022. This plan for passenger transport revolves around five key priorities and 20 signature initiatives to be delivered over the next 10 years.

TMR has also either commenced or scheduled future planning on the following road segments:

- Ipswich Road (Woolloongabba to Moorooka) and Lutwyche Road (Federation Street to Truro Street), local road: detailed planning underway with completion proposed later this year
- Moggill Road (Kenmore to Indooroopilly), local and state-controlled road: detailed planning scheduled to commence from the 2023–24 financial year
- Montague Road West End, local road: the Queensland Government is funding Brisbane City Council (BCC) to undertake a \$1 million corridor study into options for Montague Road. This planning is expected to be complete by June 2024.

For any local road segments, BCC's endorsement and cooperation are essential to the successful delivery of any proposed improvements. TMR will continue to work collaboratively with BCC to plan, prioritise and deliver bus priority outcomes on these roads.

TMR is also working to ensure planning and investment programs reflect the commitment to progressively deliver bus priority corridors across SEQ and ensure that value for money investment is delivered where it is needed most. Some bus priority corridor segments have already been delivered, such as the Eastern Transitway on Old Cleveland Road. Others, such as the Northern Transitway on Gympie Road, are under construction.

The SEQ public transport system will undergo significant transformation with the implementation of the Palaszczuk Government's Cross River Rail project. TMR is working to ensure the benefits of the Cross River Rail project are further leveraged through complementary investment in the transport network throughout SEQ.