

**Question on Notice**

**No. 399**

**Asked on 18 April 2023**

**MS F SIMPSON** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise when the Southern Sunshine Coast Public Transport Strategy (the draft which was released in February 2022) will be finalised and released publicly?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26*, which outlines \$29.7 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$3.079 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' North Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 2700 direct jobs over the life of the program.

The *Draft Southern Sunshine Coast Public Transport Strategy* sets out a vision and direction for how the state and local governments will deliver a public transport system to meet the future needs of the southern Sunshine Coast, while protecting its natural environment and lifestyle. It provides context for the business cases investigating the Direct Sunshine Coast Line, consideration of options for high-frequency public transport along the coastal corridor, and connecting services within the coast including the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

The Palaszczuk Government is pleased to work collaboratively with the Australian Government and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council on options to reduce congestion within that community and between the Sunshine Coast and the rest of South Eastern Queensland.

The release of a finalised Southern Sunshine Coast Public Transport strategy will occur in the coming months.