

Question on Notice

No. 996

Asked on 24 August 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Coomera Connector—

Will the Minister advise (a) when the Department of Main Roads will detail the schedule of construction works and impacts on residents for the section of road South of Helensvale Road and North of Brisbane Road and (b) how will Helensvale residents east of the rail line (Ridgevale Drive) access their properties during construction of this section of the connector?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

The Coomera Connector is a game changer for Southeast Queensland and will be the single largest road project in our State's history. Transforming the way we move in and around the Gold Coast, and neighbouring Logan, the Coomera Connector will provide capacity to support our growing communities.

- a) Site investigations are currently underway to inform the design of the Stage 1 Central package of the Coomera Connector, which extends from south of Helensvale Road to the Smith Street Motorway. I am advised that in the coming months, once the design is suitably progressed, the Department of Transport and Main Roads will be in a position to provide nearby residents with further detail.
- b) Residents east of the rail line, namely 'The Shores' estate, will be provided access during construction. I am advised, based on current design and construction planning, temporary vehicle access will be provided via a detour along the new motorway corridor from the existing roundabout in 'The Shores', south to the Gold Coast Highway. The detour will facilitate construction of a new Ridgevale Drive bridge over the Coomera Connector. Once the new Ridgevale Drive bridge is complete, this temporary access via the Gold Coast Highway will be removed. During the Ridgevale Drive bridge closure, pedestrian access will be maintained via temporary access paths.