

Question on Notice

No. 608

Asked on 10 May 2005

MS STONE asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS)—

QUESTION:

- (1) Will he outline details of the improvements to the Gold Coast – Brisbane rail line?
- (2) How will this assist Logan rail commuters?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for her question.

On 27 April 2004 the Queensland Government unveiled Australia's largest and most ambitious infrastructure plan since Federation, outlining investments of up to \$55 billion in South East Queensland over the next 20 years. The South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2005-2026 (SEQIPP) maps out two decades of road, rail, water, energy, health, education, and community infrastructure. A \$35 billion roads and transport package is the biggest ticket item in that plan.

(1) There are a number of projects identified for the Beenleigh/Gold Coast corridor in the South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program (SEQIPP). This corridor supports the Gold Coast region, which is the fastest growing area of SEQ with around 14,000 new residents each year, rising from 475,000 people in 2004 to 610,000 in 2014, an increase of 29%. In addition, this corridor also supports the southern region of Brisbane, including Logan City, which is expected to grow to 190,000 residents by 2014.

These projects include:

- \$184m Salisbury to Kuraby 3rd track construction expected to commence mid 2006, completion February 2008 and Ormeau to Coomera 2nd track construction expected to commence November 2005, completion October 2006.
- \$123m Helensvale to Robina 2nd track construction expected to commence May 2006, and Robina to Reedy Creek track extension construction start early 2007. Both projects expected to be completed by August 2008.
- These projects will support the already committed three extra peak period Gold Coast trains, providing an additional 1350 seats in each peak.

Additional projects identified in SEQIPP for this corridor are:

- \$40m Coomera to Helensvale 2nd track: planning and construction from 2008-09, completion 2010-11.
- \$110m Kuraby to Kingston 3rd track: planning and construction from 2008-09, completion 2010-11.
- \$280m Reedy Creek to Elanora extension: planning and construction from 2008-09, completion 2011-12.
- \$169m Salisbury to Park Road 4th track: planning and construction from 2016-17, completion 2018-19.
- \$500m Elanora to Coolangatta extension: planning and construction from 2016, completion 2018.

(2) The Kuraby to Kingston 3rd track project is located in Logan, with planning and construction scheduled to be undertaken from 2008-09 to 2010-11. This project will assist the ongoing increases in service levels supporting the growth in the Brisbane Gold Coast corridor, including the Logan area. Benefits to Logan residents of this project include works to modernise the stations at Trinder Park, Woodridge and Kingston, including platform upgrades, lifts, car parking and accessibility improvements. The extent of these works will be identified during the preliminary design stage of project.

In addition, \$600,000 has been allocated in the Translink infrastructure improvement program to upgrade and expand the bus rail interchange and park and ride at Loganlea train station. The majority of these works are scheduled to be undertaken in 2005-06.