

Question on Notice

No. 692

Asked on 12 May 2005

MR CHOI asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the proposed infrastructure plan — How will this assist the people of Capalaba?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Capalaba for his question.

The *South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2005-2026* will greatly benefit residents of the electorate of Capalaba.

Firstly, let me say that there has been significant growth in South East Queensland in recent years. This trend is set to continue.

The Queensland Government has responded to this challenge by publishing the Infrastructure Plan and Program for South East Queensland. The government has identified the infrastructure that will be required.

For much of it, the financial responsibility rests with the state, and this government has made a ten-year commitment to fund the necessary infrastructure that supports growth in South East Queensland.

However, some of the infrastructure is the responsibility of the federal government and it has made no such funding commitment.

The plan also shows the state government's intentions regarding infrastructure planning over the next 20 years. This government will not allow the document to become dated as it will be updated annually as part of the state budget process.

Let me now list those parts of the plan that will directly benefit residents in the electorate of Capalaba.

- The government will duplicate the extension of Mount Cotton Road between Tingalpa Creek and the intersection of Taylor and Redland Bay Roads. This project will cost \$78m and be open to traffic by 2012.
- Mount Cotton Road will be widened to four lanes between the start of Mount Gravatt–Capalaba Road and Tingalpa Creek. This project will be built by 2014 at a cost of \$200m. When this is finished, there will be a continuous length of four-lane road between the start of Mount Gravatt–Capalaba Road and the intersection of Taylor and Redland Bay Roads.

- The government will duplicate Cleveland–Redland Bay Road by 2012 at a cost of \$65m. While it is outside of the Capalaba electorate, this road project will directly benefit the electors.

- Eastern Busway: Buranda to Capalaba

\$530m has been allocated for the Eastern Busway, which includes staged construction between Buranda and Chandler between now and 2016 and then to Capalaba by 2026. This will provide residents in Capalaba with very fast, frequent and reliable bus connections to surrounding areas, including the Brisbane CBD.

- Redland's bus priority measures

\$100m has been set aside to provide a variety of bus priority measures on the key corridors of Finucane and Redland Bay Roads to improve bus priority and decrease peak-period travel times between Capalaba and the growth centres of Cleveland and Victoria Point.

- TransLink sub-regional station upgrade program

\$64m has been allocated for Greater Brisbane, which includes the Capalaba electorate, for a public transport station upgrade program to make passenger-waiting environments safer, more comfortable and easier to use.

One of the proposals in the 10-year TransLink Network Plan is to undertake a major upgrade of the Capalaba bus station as passenger numbers increase.

Collectively, these things all add up to very good news for the constituents of the Capalaba electorate.