

Question on Notice

No. QON1315

Asked on 31 October 2006

MS PALASZCZUK asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS) -

QUESTION:

What is the progress of the Boundary/Kelliher Road upgrade and what are the benefits that this upgrade will bring to the local community?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Inala for the question.

The \$30.5m Boundary Road-Kelliher Road upgrade is currently under construction and due to open in October, 2007, weather permitting. This project is a joint initiative between the Department of Main Roads and the Brisbane City Council, with the State Government contributing \$20.3m and the Council contributing \$10.2m.

The completion of this motorway link will provide relief to increasing congestion between the Centenary Highway and Brisbane's south western suburbs as well as improve access to the growing communities of Forest Lake and Springfield.

Work is progressing and the following construction activity has occurred:

- Boundary Road bridge is nearing completion and expected to be completed by February 2007, weather permitting.
- The bridge girders were supplied by local precast contractor, Contec.
- I would like to thank the public for their patience as the contractor hauled these long loads around the area during this construction period.
- Work is progressing on the anchoring of the railway retaining wall abutting Kelliher Road, between Boundary Road and Machinery Street. The contractor is now working on the third row of anchors and will shortly be moving another layer of material from beside the wall to allow start on the fourth row of the anchors.
- Work has also commenced on the large drainage structure on the Bullockhead Creek tributary which is being substantially increased in capacity. This extra capacity work required installation of a temporary retaining wall to hold up the existing road. This temporary retaining wall was completed on Saturday, 30 September, 2006.
- Work has also recommenced on the earthworks and the drainage on the southern end of the project.

Other construction activities that will occur over the next few months will include:

- excavation of the material to make way for the new highway
- preparation of the batters for topsoiling and hydraulic grass seeding

- installation of the drainage pipes south of the Boundary Road Bridge to drain the new highway
- commencement of the main carriageway starting at the southern end.

These construction activities have been planned to ensure minimal impact on the travelling public

The next major traffic change will be the re-opening of Boundary Road, across the new bridge, which will occur in early 2007.

Provision of an additional \$7.360m for preliminary works towards the future Darra-Springfield rail is being provided by Queensland Rail.