

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 295**

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MRS ATTWOOD asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS) -

### **QUESTION:**

What is the progress of the 4-lane link currently being constructed to overcome congestion at Kelliher Road, Darra?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Mount Ommaney for the question.

The \$30.5m Boundary Road-Kelliher Road Upgrade Project is currently under construction and due to open in late 2007. It aims to relieve traffic congestion at the Boundary Road and Kelliher Road intersection at Darra and improve access to the growing communities of Forest Lake and Springfield.

By removing congestion at this intersection it will also ease congestion on the Centenary Highway and northern approach to the Ipswich Motorway.

It features a new bridge at Boundary Road over the four-lane extension of the Centenary Highway.

Stage 1 of the project has been completed. This involved construction of the southern footpath spans of the Boundary Road bridge to enable the relocation of existing public utilities such as telephone lines. It also included the construction of a new service road and side track to provide a detour around the bridge worksite.

Stage 2 started in March 2006 and includes the continued construction of the new Boundary Road Bridge, and paving of section of the four-lane Centenary Highway.

Kelliher Road is a major transport route for businesses in Richlands, and the major residential developments of Forest Lake and Springfield. The road also links the Centenary Highway to the Ipswich Motorway.

The successful completion of Stage 1 shows the project is on track to deliver a safer and more efficient infrastructure for businesses and residents.

The Boundary Road-Kelliher Road Upgrade Project is a joint initiative between the Department of Main Roads and Brisbane City Council. The state government is contributing \$20.3m in funds sourced from the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) and council is contributing \$10.2m.

Stage 2 works, which commenced in March 2006, required closure of a section of Boundary Road, west of Kelliher Road. The changed conditions will be in place until the bridge is completed in early 2007.

The project team is making every effort to minimise impacts on the travelling public. It is important to note that projects of this size involve temporary disruptions.

Brisbane City Council will temporarily re-open the intersection of Fulcrum Street and Bandara Street at Richlands during peak periods, to allow light vehicles (cars only) to enter and exit the industrial precinct, in response to the needs and requests of local businesses.

In addition, the government is providing an additional \$7.36m for preliminary works towards the future Darra-Springfield rail. This is being done in conjunction with the road project to ensure that the road and rail projects are compatible and that traffic through this section will not be disrupted again when the rail project proper proceeds.