

Question on Notice

No. 593

Asked on 18 April 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the four-lane link to bypass Kelliher Road at Darra which has recently been completed –

- 1) How will travel time improve for residents of the Centenary Suburbs who will use this bypass to access the Logan Motorway?
- 2) Will the lights at the end of the Centenary Highway remain?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mount Ommaney for the question.

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

This upgrade will provide motorists with a new four-lane highway link (two northbound and two southbound lanes) from the Ipswich Motorway/Centenary Highway roundabout, under the new Boundary Road Bridge, to the Garden Road ramps at Richlands.

Construction of the new section of highway under the Boundary Road bridge is now sufficiently advanced for traffic using Kelliher Road to be progressively redirected onto the new road.

After completion, this project will ease congestion for the 30,000 motorists who use the Boundary Road/Kelliher Road intersection daily. The completion of this link will be a positive step towards reducing travelling times in the area, improving local road safety and providing easier access to and from the growing Greater Springfield area. Traffic will no longer have to queue at the Boundary Road/Kelliher Road intersection traffic lights - therefore avoiding delays of up to 15 minutes in peak periods.

The project is the first step in the state government's larger plan to deliver better road and public transport links for this area. Other projects to be delivered include the Darra to Springfield Transport Corridor Project, which will continue the duplication of the Centenary Highway through to Springfield and provide a new rail line from Darra to Springfield, and the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade which includes an upgrade of the Ipswich/Logan Interchange and upgrading the Ipswich Motorway from Wacol to Darra.

Construction on the Ipswich/Logan interchange began in February 2007 and the Wacol to Darra project is scheduled to start in mid-2007.

A major feature of the Wacol to Darra project will be the upgrade of the Centenary Highway interchange. In response to the Member's specific question, this will involve the removal of the existing roundabout and traffic lights, and construction of a new grade-separated interchange that will greatly improve safety and traffic flow.

The Boundary Road/Kelliher Road upgrade, subsequent upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway/Centenary Highway interchange and planned duplication of the Centenary Highway to Springfield will provide a much quicker and more direct route for motorists travelling south on the Centenary Highway wanting to access the Logan Motorway.

The state government is committed to providing the infrastructure needed for this growing area.