

Question on Notice

No. 718

Asked on 22 May 2007

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

QUESTION:

Will he advise of any proposals for the installation of bus lanes on the Centenary Highway?

ANSWER:

I thank the member for Mount Ommaney for the question.

The South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program (SEQIPP) has allocated \$290m (2007-26) for the development and delivery of transit lanes/bus priority along the Centenary Highway between the Ipswich Motorway and Toowong roundabout at Frederick Street.

The SEQIPP implementation phase is identified as:

- introduction of bus priority measures from 2009-10 to 2014-15
- introduction of transit lanes from 2015-16 to 2025-26.

Through the Roads Implementation Program (RIP) \$3m has been allocated over the 2006-07 to 2008-09 financial years to carry out the concept planning that will investigate options for this project. This study commenced in May of 2007 and aims to deliver a benefit to the whole community by moving more people more efficiently along the Centenary Highway through providing infrastructure that will lead to increased public transport use and/or increased vehicle occupancy.

The study will be conducted in three stages:

- Stage 1 is the feasibility study - Through technical analysis and consultation with key agency stakeholders, this stage will seek to identify the future network transport demand to determine what measures are feasible.
- Stage 2 is for option/s development - This stage involves the development of options and selection of preferred option/s through consultation with the local community and key stakeholders. This will be done in parallel with detailed technical analysis.
- Stage 3 will be the preferred option/s and business case - In this stage the preferred option/s will be refined and presented to the community. This will be followed by finalisation of the evaluation process. This stage will identify the cost and strategy for delivering the recommended options.

The study will be completed in 2009. I would be happy to arrange for Main Roads to brief the Honourable Member further on the project.