

Question on Notice

No. 1455

Asked on 9 October 2008

MS DARLING asked the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (MR PITT) -

QUESTION:

Will he provide details of the expected traffic improvement motorists travelling along Sandgate Road will experience from the implementation of the STREAMS system?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Sandgate for the question.

A single Intelligent Transport System for all of Brisbane is being provided by the Department of Main Roads and Transmax in partnership with Brisbane City Council. Using the locally developed STREAMS system with skilled operators, the whole network can be continually monitored for traffic changes, identifying incidents and congestion, then providing the appropriate network response regardless of jurisdiction boundaries.

A pilot trial was successfully carried out on Moggill Road earlier this year and showed travel time reductions of up to 13% during the week-day periods and up to 17% on weekends.

On Sunday, 21 September 2008, I announced the combined STREAMS technology is to be introduced along Sandgate Road before the end of 2008. This section of road carries up to 55 000 vehicles a day and similar improvements to Moggill Road can be expected.

Urban congestion is an important issue and one that our government is actively tackling. While the south east corner of Queensland makes up only 1% of the state's area, it accounts for more than 60% of the population. The number of vehicles travelling in Brisbane's metropolitan area has increased by a quarter over the past six years.

The Queensland Government is committed to reducing congestion on the city's roads. The most obvious benefit of single system control of traffic signals will be better traffic efficiency and more reliable travel times. By tackling congestion, we are protecting Queensland's lifestyle and environment.