

Question on Notice

No. 1662

Asked on 11 November 2008

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

QUESTION:

Will he advise the House on progress of the Centenary Highway extension from Springfield to Yamanto?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ipswich for the question.

Construction of the Queensland Government-funded \$366 million Centenary Highway Extension is progressing well and on track for full completion by mid 2009. When complete, the extended highway will be the primary transport corridor for communities living in southern Ipswich, including Springfield, the Ripley Valley and Yamanto town centres.

Being built well ahead of demand, this road will provide an important piece of infrastructure to service the future transport needs of one of Australia's fastest growing regions, demonstrating once again how the Bligh Government is building tomorrow's Queensland today.

Main Roads is building this important road transport link to provide better connectivity to major road networks and improve accessibility to key centres and major developments proposed in the corridor, such as the Ripley Valley.

The Centenary Highway Extension project is being delivered in three major construction packages:

- Springfield to Ripley
- Ripley to South Deebing
- South Deebing to Yamanto, including the Yamanto interchange.

All three packages are currently under construction with some sections nearing completion. Work is progressing fast and is on track for the planned opening in June 2009. This project is on schedule and on budget.

Construction of the 10-kilometre section from Springfield to Ripley is progressing to schedule. All five bridges on this package are finished as well as all earthworks and drainage. Asphalt pavements, guardrails, line markings and landscaping are also nearing completion.

The five-kilometre Ripley to South Deebing package is progressing well with the bulk of the works now complete. Both the Ripley Road and South Deebing Creek Road roundabouts are now open to local traffic to provide local residents with access across the highway. The focus of this section is now on completing minor works.

The three-kilometre section from South Deebing to Yamanto is progressing quickly. Pavement works on the eastbound and westbound ramps to Ipswich-Boonah Road are continuing along with the widening of the existing bridge over Kerners Road which is almost complete. The Yamanto interchange is also taking shape with work nearing completion on the major five-span bridge over the Cunningham Highway that will carry eastbound traffic onto the Centenary Highway extension. Pavements through the interchange on the Cunningham Highway are also now under construction.

As I mentioned before, the Centenary Highway extension is a vital piece of transport infrastructure being delivered well ahead of demand. When complete, the road will support future growth in the greater Ipswich region as well as improving the standard of living for communities who live and work in and around the western corridor.

I thank the Member for her continued interest in this project.