

Question on Notice

No. 908

Asked on Tuesday, 14 June 2011

MS GRACE asked the Minister for Transport and Multicultural Affairs (MS PALASZCZUK) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what funding the Bligh Government has provided for the Bicentennial bikeway project to make cycling a more viable option for inner city commuters and residents?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Brisbane Central for the question.

The Bicentennial Bikeway is located along the Brisbane River between Toowong and the Brisbane Central Business District. This bikeway is one of the most highly utilised pedestrian and bicycle routes in South East Queensland, both for recreational and commuter use.

Due to sustained growth in usage since its construction in 1988, sections of the Bicentennial Bikeway are now operating at full capacity. Both for user safety and capacity reasons, the remaining sections of the Bicentennial Bikeway need to be widened and upgraded from a shared pathway to a separated pathway.

The state government has contributed \$12.6 million to date. This funding includes:

- \$3.56 million for sections completed between 2006-07 and 2009-10
- \$8.26 million in the 2010-11 financial year from the Department of Transport and Main Roads' Cycle Network Program for:
 - Stage 3 – finishing the connection between Lang Parade and Park Road
 - Hale Street Missing Link West
 - Hale Street Missing Link East.
- \$797 500 in the 2010-11 financial year for diversion works for the Bicentennial Bikeway.

Stage 4, the final stage, is planned for the 2012-13 financial year to complete the Bicentennial Bikeway widening between Toowong and the Brisbane Central Business District.