

Question on Notice

No. 168

Asked on Tuesday, 18 March 2014

DR FLEGG asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR EMERSON)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide details of the planned upgrade to the Western Freeway between Indooroopilly and Toowong and the estimated growth in traffic volumes on this section of the Western Freeway once the Legacy Way tunnel is opened?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Moggill for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is upgrading the section of the Western Freeway between Indooroopilly and Toowong.

The upgrade will involve widening the freeway from two to three lanes in both directions between Moggill Road at Indooroopilly and the Mount Coot-tha roundabout at Toowong.

In an effort to minimise further disturbance to the local community and motorists using the Centenary Motorway, TMR has engaged Brisbane City Council's Legacy Way contractor, Transcity, to complete these works. The upgrade is expected to be completed in early 2015.

All existing noise walls along the Western Freeway between Toowong and Indooroopilly that are impacted as part of the works, will be upgraded to concrete barriers to match those upgraded as part of the Moggill Road interchange works.

Based on Brisbane City Council predictions, Legacy Way will attract new trips onto the Western Freeway, many coming from Moggill Road.

The additional lanes will help better accommodate the predicted increased traffic demand between Indooroopilly and Toowong and provide more road space for the increased merging and weaving requirements. This should result in a better and safer travel experience for motorists.

The growth in volumes on the Western Freeway will be dependant on the relative success of the tunnel in attracting traffic once it opens.