

Question on Notice

No. 345

Asked on Wednesday, 7 May 2014

MRS CUNNINGHAM asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR EMERSON) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the current situation relating to the Kin Kora roundabout and the time line going forward?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gladstone for the question.

Upgrade of the Dawson Highway and Philip Street intersection, locally known as the Kin Kora roundabout, remains the highest priority road project in the Gladstone region.

Following the joint state and federal announcement of the \$25.4 million Kin Kora intersection upgrade in September 2013, the Department of Transport and Main Roads has progressed the planning and design stages. These pre-construction phases remain on track to be completed by the end of 2014.

In the past month, the project team has been working closely with businesses surrounding the intersection to understand their operation and access requirements to assist with planning the ultimate delivery phasing of the works once site activities commence. Gladstone Regional Council and relevant service providers have also been engaged in regard to underground public utilities including water, with negotiations progressing on relocating these services to outside the intersection while still maintaining connectivity for future development in the area.

Earlier in May, Gladstone Regional Council also approved the handing over of a small section of Lions Park which was required by the Kin Kora project to provide the additional Dawson Highway lanes at the intersection. The allocation of this land was critical to the project progressing and I appreciate council's ongoing support and involvement in this essential Gladstone infrastructure project.

Milestone dates planned for the Kin Kora intersection upgrade over the coming 12 months are:

- completion of Kin Kora intersection design stage - October 2014
- commencement of early works contract for relocation of services (sewerage, water, telecommunication, electricity) – August-October 2014
- commence site construction of Kin Kora intersection upgrade - March 2015
- Kin Kora intersection upgrade construction complete and open to traffic - March 2016.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads and I remain committed to delivering the Kin Kora intersection upgrade to deliver a safe and efficient Dawson Highway for Gladstone motorists into the future.