

Question on Notice

No. 504

Asked on Thursday, 4 June 2015

MR KELLY asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade (HON J TRAD) —

QUESTION:

Will the Deputy Premier advise which transport projects that could benefit the electorate of Greenslopes may proceed if the Federal Government was prepared to release infrastructure funding?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Greenslopes for the question.

The Queensland Government has expressed its disappointment that the recent 2015 Federal Budget failed to provide a fair share of funding for nationally significant projects across South East Queensland.

Since the 2013 Federal Election, the Australian Government has maintained its position that urban public transport is a state and local government responsibility.

Following the 2015 State Election, the Queensland Government approached the Australian Government to change its urban public transport funding policy to enable the progression of nationally-significant and transformative public transport infrastructure projects such as the second river rail crossing, Gold Coast Light Rail (Stage 2) and the North Coast rail line duplication.

For the electorate of Greenslopes, the Eastern TransitWay project, would build upon the benefits of the existing Eastern Busway and enable further development of efficient and effective bus services to the people of Greenslopes. This project, together with the Northern TransitWay was submitted for federal funding consideration in October 2012.

We want to see projects, like the Eastern TransitWay and ultimately the completion of the Eastern Busway project built, but we know that we need assistance from the Australian Government.

The Queensland Government will continue to press the Australian Government to take a national approach to investing in significant infrastructure projects to manage traffic congestion and support growth and productivity – particularly in South East Queensland.