

Question on Notice

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Asked on Tuesday, 15 September 2015

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister update the House on the installation of the third track between Petrie and Lawnton and explain what the benefits to commuters will be from the project?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Pine Rivers for the question.

The Lawnton to Petrie third track project is a necessary addition to the rail network in order to support the Moreton Bay Rail Line.

The project will deliver additional tracks from Lawnton to Petrie, a new rail bridge over the North Pine River and a new island platform at Petrie station.

To assist people with a disability, there is a park 'n ride facility on the (eastern side) of the station, as well as ramp and lift access.

With a large number of rail services already operating on the Sunshine Coast line, this project is essential to facilitate the growth in passenger services from MBRL and will improve reliability, flexibility and efficiency through this section of the network.

MBRL is expected to result in an average travel time saving of about 15 minutes during peak.

The project is fundamental in providing additional capacity for freight and passenger services on the North Coast line, as well as supporting the operation of the Moreton Bay Rail Link (MBRL). (Additional capacity for freight services has the potential to boost economic development).

Replacement of the ageing North Pine River rail bridge, with a new four track bridge, has been completed on time at a cost of \$18.4 million. The entire Lawnton to Petrie project (including the new bridge) will cost \$187 million.