

Question on Notice

No. 933

Asked on Tuesday, 13 October 2015

MR BLEIJIE asked the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply (HON M BAILEY) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide details of current and future funded road projects, in and around the Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital, and confirm whether any plans exist, and any money allocated, for duplication of Kawana Way between Kawana Way Link Road/Creekside Boulevard intersection and Barney Moy Road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Kawana for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is currently finalising planning for road upgrades in the local area to increase capacity and get people to and from the new hospital, and to help relieve congestion along Nicklin Way.

As part of this, TMR is finalising the planning phase of a critical element of these planned upgrades, the Mooloolah River Interchange (MRI) upgrade and preserving a future corridor for this and a new Kawana Arterial road link past the new hospital.

The recommended option for the MRI project includes an upgrade of the interchange, a land-based road crossing of the Mooloolah River through the Hideaway Waters area and duplication of the Sunshine Motorway between the Kawana Way interchange and the MRI.

As was the case under the previous LNP Government, in which the Member was a Minister, no funding is currently allocated for duplication of Kawana Way between Kawana Way Link Road/Creekside Boulevard intersection and Barney Moy Road.

However, this government is working to prioritise the road upgrades and transport initiatives needed to support access to the new Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital, due to open in late 2016.

I have also requested that TMR identify interim transport initiatives to get the most out of our existing infrastructure. This includes giving priority to emergency vehicles at signalised intersections along Nicklin Way to improve response times, potential upgrades of congested intersections along Kawana Way, and providing additional bus services.