

Question on Notice

No. 2204

Asked on Tuesday, 29 November 2016

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's message today in the Daily Mercury for improved road safety in the lead up to the holiday period—

Will the Minister commit to improving safety for Gaven motorists by funding upgrades of our busiest and most dangerous roads which include (a) the intersection of Maudsland Road and Beaudesert Nerang Road (b) a slip lane at Binstead Way Pacific Pines and (c) a clear zone and emergency stop lights on Beaudesert Nerang Road, directly outside of the Nerang Fire Station?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gaven for the questions.

- (a) A Safer Roads Sooner project to improve safety at the intersection of Beaudesert-Nerang Road and Maudsland Road was completed at the end of 2014. The upgrade included the construction of a dedicated right-turn lane on Beaudesert-Nerang Road into Maudsland Road, the installation of 200 metres of guardrail, new street lighting and improved line-marking.

There are no recorded crashes at the intersection since the upgrade, and there are currently no plans to undertake further upgrades to this intersection. However officers from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will continue to monitor the intersection for the ongoing safety of all road users.

- (b) It is acknowledged the intersection of Binstead Way and Entertainment Drive in Pacific Pines at Exit 62 of the Pacific Motorway operates slightly over capacity during peak hours of the day. Queuing on Binstead Way lasts for about 30 minutes and is similar to many other intersections on the Gold Coast during the morning and afternoon peak hours.

Works to extend the turning lane on Binstead Way would mostly be required within the road corridor under the control of the City of Gold Coast Council (CGCC). Officers from TMR have had discussions with counterparts at CGCC about this intersection and are willing to assist CGCC to find a solution to this issue.

In November 2016 CGCC officers advised they are still investigating options to reduce the queuing at this intersection. Once a solution has been determined, CGCC is welcome to apply for Transport Infrastructure Delivery Scheme funding.

- (c) Regarding Nerang Fire Station, officers from TMR have had previous discussions with counterparts at the fire station about the possible installation of traffic signals outside the station on Beaudesert-Nerang Road.

Should Queensland Fire and Emergency Services wish to install traffic signals outside the fire station, TMR would be pleased to assist. However, it should be noted that there have been no recorded crashes outside the fire station since it opened in June 2010.