

Question on Notice

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Asked on Wednesday, 15 February 2017

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how the government is easing traffic congestion and making Gympie Road from Petrie roundabout to Bald Hills overpass safer?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Pine Rivers for the question.

Continued urban growth in the Moreton Bay region has placed increasing pressure on the state arterial road network, including Gympie Road. The Palaszczuk Government is committed to planning for our transport network to ensure that it can meet traffic demands now and into the future.

My department is continuing to undertake planning to identify new road corridors in the South Moreton area that will help relieve congestion on Gympie Road and Anzac Avenue, as well as relieving congestion on the Bruce Highway.

I can advise that my department has undertaken planning for a future upgrade at the Anzac Avenue, Dayboro Road and Gympie Road intersection, also known as the Petrie roundabout, which experiences significant congestion during peak periods.

As with all projects, any future upgrades to the Petrie roundabout will compete for funding against other priority infrastructure projects across the state-controlled road network.

My department has also recently adjusted the timing of the traffic signals at the intersection of Anzac Avenue and Young Street to provide longer gaps in southbound traffic at the Petrie roundabout. This initiative enables traffic approaching from Gympie Road to more easily enter the roundabout. It has been observed to significantly reduce northbound delays through the roundabout during the weekday afternoon peak period.

This section of Gympie Road is an important transport corridor for the Pine Rivers electorate, and I thank the Member for her ongoing advocacy on behalf of her local constituents.