Question on Notice

No. 645

Asked on Thursday, 17 May 2018

MR T NICHOLLS ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise in relation to Cleveland-Redland Bay Road (a) the current funding status of this road, (b) when will the Minister commence planning for upgrades and (c) will the Minister commit to funding the needed upgrades to this road immediately?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Clayfield for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is presently conducting a planning study along Cleveland–Redland Bay Road. This study will inform the business case in identifying possible safety improvements along this corridor. TMR's *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2017–18 to 2020–21* has allocated planning study funding of \$580,000.

Any projects identified by this study will be subject to available funding and competing priorities across the transport network. TMR will continue to monitor the performance of the road network and prioritise any upgrade works accordingly.

Any upgrades to Cleveland–Redland Bay Road will compete for funding against other priority infrastructure projects across the state-controlled road network.

That competition has become more challenging as a consequence of more than \$600 million having been cut from transport funding during the term of the previous LNP government, in which the Member for Clayfield was the Treasurer, resulting in a shortfall in project planning and delivery that the Palaszczuk Government is still working to repair.

I am also pleased to confirm that, along with Ms Kim Richards MP, Member for Redlands, we announced \$5 million to improve the Cleveland–Redland Bay Road and Anita Street intersection, and a further \$500,000 for the Victoria Point Bypass feasibility study to alleviate congestion on Cleveland–Redland Bay Road in Victoria Point.

TMR is also facilitating an upgrade of the Giles Street Intersection along Cleveland–Redland Bay Road. This upgrade is nearing practical completion.