

Question on Notice

No. 903

Asked on Tuesday 21 August 2018

MR D BATT ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the NewsMail article published on 8 August 2018 in which the Minister advised the Department of Transport and Main Roads is currently investigating options to widen Bargara Road from Hughes Road to Ashfield Road to accommodate for future traffic growth as well as bike riders—

Will the Minister advise (a) whether pedestrian safety will also be considered and (b) when the investigation will be complete?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Bundaberg for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is currently investigating options to widen Bundaberg–Bargara Road, from Hughes Road to Ashfield Road, to accommodate bicycle riders.

The planning study is primarily focused on cycling safety and movements, however, the study will also take into consideration the long-term needs to accommodate future traffic growth along this road. TMR will also engage with Bundaberg Regional Council regarding pedestrian safety and movements at this location as part of the planning study.

Funding allocated in the 2018–19 financial year will allow an options analysis to be progressed.