

## Question on Notice

No. 1600

Asked on Wednesday 16 October 2019

**MR M MCARDLE** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### QUESTION:

With reference to the Steve Irwin Way on the Sunshine Coast—

Will the Minister advise the timeline for the current road to be four laned?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Caloundra for the question.

In 2018, the Palaszczuk Government completed preliminary planning to identify a preferred alignment for the potential future duplication of Steve Irwin Way to a four-lane dual carriageway.

Palaszczuk Government funding of \$510,000 was allocated in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2017–18 to 2020–21* to investigate options to preserve a corridor on Steve Irwin Way for the proposed future upgrade of the two-lane section to a four-lane carriageway. This project is identified as the Steve Irwin Way Planning Project.

An additional \$100,000 has been allocated in QTRIP 2019–20 to 2022–23 to complete consultation for the Steve Irwin Way Planning Project.

There are a number of factors the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) considers when prioritising road upgrades or duplication. These include safety, crash history, the level of service, annual average daily traffic and design characteristics of the road.

The Steve Irwin Way Planning Project will inform the timeline and approach for any future duplication of Steve Irwin Way.

In 2016, the Palaszczuk Government completed a \$2.7 million upgrade to the intersection of Steve Irwin Way and Reed Street, in addition to a \$2.4 million upgrade of the Steve Irwin Way and Bowen Road intersection. Both intersection upgrades were funded through the Safer Roads Sooner Program to deliver road improvement works which will maintain the safety of motorists on the State's road network.

Detailed design is underway to upgrade an 11 kilometre section of the Bruce Highway from four to six lanes between Caboolture–Bribie Island Road and Steve Irwin Way (Exit 163). This will include upgrading creek crossings to improve flood immunity at Lagoon, King John, Six Mile, Rose and Beerburrum Creeks. The \$662.5 million project is funded on an 80:20 federal:state funding arrangement. Construction is scheduled to commence in 2020 and be completed in 2022, weather and construction conditions permitting.