

## Question on Notice

No. 1659

Asked on Thursday 17 October 2019

**MS N BOYD** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise on the progress of promised federal funding for the Linkfield Road overpass duplication and any measure to access federal funding sooner?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Pine Rivers for the question.

As part of the 2019–20 Federal Budget, the Australian Government committed \$100 million towards the construction of the \$125 million Linkfield Road interchange upgrade.

This Federal commitment is currently programmed entirely beyond the Forward Estimates period, from 2023–24 onwards, with no funding currently allocated before that time.

The Palaszczuk Government matched the commitment by confirming 20 per cent (\$25 million) towards the project. The Palaszczuk Government has provided \$4 million of State funding within the Forward Estimates as part of the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2019–20 to 2022–23*.

The Palaszczuk Government's funding contribution within the Forward Estimates means planning work can continue, which will include a detailed business case. By funding the planning and business case work, the Palaszczuk Government will help ensure that the project will be shovel-ready as soon as possible, when the Australian Government's funding becomes available.

Following strong local representations, including by the Member for Pine Rivers and the Member for Aspley, the Palaszczuk Government has urged acceleration of federal funding for projects, including the Linkfield Road overpass duplication, where this funding is currently outside the Forward Estimates in the Federal Budget. The Palaszczuk Government is awaiting the Australian Government's response to this request.

In the interim, and to ease traffic pressure on Linkfield Road, the Palaszczuk Government has allocated \$3.186 million to construct a dedicated left-turn lane for motorists heading north towards the Bruce Highway. Delivery of this traffic improvement has commenced, and construction is expected to be completed by mid-2020.

This initiative, fully funded by the Palaszczuk Government, will provide immediate relief to local motorists while the ultimate upgrade progresses.