

Question on Notice

No. 1700

Asked on Tuesday 22 October 2019

MR A POWELL ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the North Coast Rail Duplication, and more broadly, investment in cycleways referenced in the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program—

Will the Minister detail (a) if a dedicated cycleway between Beerburrum and Beerwah will be constructed as part of the rail duplication and (b) if not, whether there are any other plans to invest in such a cycleway and when?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

With reference to investment in cycleways in the vicinity of the North Coast Line, I can advise:

- (a) a dedicated cycleway between Beerburrum and Beerwah is not included in the detailed business case for the Beerburrum to Nambour Rail upgrade project
- (b) in early plans for a future duplication of Steve Irwin Way, provision is made for a shared-user pedestrian/cycleway to be constructed adjacent to the roadway. The Steve Irwin Way duplication project is presently in the planning stage. Funding for further planning, detailed design and construction of the upgrade will be considered during future program reviews and against other competing priorities across the State.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has committed \$3.235 million in the Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program funding to Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC) to support the delivery of the following three stages of the Caboolture to Wamuran rail trail:

- Stage 1 (Beerburrum Road to Bluebell Street Drive and County Drive intersection) delivered in May 2019 (County Drive Intersection only in Glass House electorate)
- Stage 2 (County Drive to Wamuran) is under construction with works estimated to be complete late-2019 (Glass House electorate)
- Stage 3 (Bluebell Street Park to County Drive) is due to commence construction late-2019 (across Morayfield and Glass House electorates).

TMR has also committed \$131,650 in the Rail Trails Local Government Grants Program funding to MBRC to conduct a feasibility study into the development on the Wamuran to Woodford rail trail, due for completion in March 2020 (Glass House electorate).