

Question on Notice

No. 1744

Asked on Wednesday 23 October 2019

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

QUESTION:

With reference to correspondence to me from the District Director North Coast District on 9 October 2019 with respect to 'the proposed Third Avenue extension to Nicklin Way project in Caloundra' stating that detailed planning was expected to be 'complete in late 2019'—

Will the Minister commit to full public consultation and further commitment to act on the public feedback from consultation before taking any further action?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Caloundra for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government funding of \$768,000 was allocated in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2018–19 to 2021–22* to undertake transport planning at various locations on Nicklin Way. The areas currently being considered include:

- extending the nearby Third Avenue (a local government road) to connect to Nicklin Way via a new signalised intersection. This would provide an alternative route for motorists travelling to and from the Caloundra CBD from the north, and subsequently help to reduce traffic volumes travelling through the Caloundra Road, Nicklin Way and Pelican Waters Boulevard roundabout. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is working closely with Sunshine Coast Council during these investigations
- replacing the existing Caloundra Road, Nicklin Way and Pelican Waters Boulevard intersection with a signalised intersection as part of a longer-term solution.

TMR is undertaking detailed planning to investigate an alternative connection from Nicklin Way to the Caloundra City Centre to reduce traffic congestion in and around the Caloundra CBD. Detailed planning (the business case) will be completed soon.

As projects progress, TMR's standard practice is to work collaboratively with key stakeholders, the local community, government agencies, and industry to capture feedback on proposals.