

Question on Notice

No. 1892

Asked on Wednesday 27 November 2019

DR C ROWAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent announcement for the proposed Mount Crosby Road-Warrego Highway Interchange upgrade—

Will the Minister now confirm (a) the process for community consultation and engagement, including when such consultation and engagement will take place on the proposed designs, and (b) the timeline for this project's construction and delivery?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Moggill for the question.

In addition to the \$635 million Warrego Highway Upgrade Program funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments on an 80:20 funding split arrangement, which comprises 20 projects planned for delivery by 2021, a further \$400 million in joint funding was announced by the State and Federal Governments as part of their respective 2019-20 budgets.

Improvements on the Warrego Highway west of Toowoomba will continue, and we will work with the Federal Government to plan and deliver improvements east of Toowoomba, including the critical Mount Crosby Road interchange upgrade which the Palaszczuk Government has nominated as its highest priority on the corridor east of Toowoomba,

The Department of Transport and Main Roads will undertake community consultation in early 2020. This community input will inform the direction of the project and the ultimate design.

An interim treatment for the Mount Crosby Road interchange is possible while detailed planning is undertaken for a full interchange upgrade. Any interim solution would seek to increase safety for motorists by improving traffic flow and reducing queuing.

In March 2019, I announced that planning is underway for the longer-term upgrade of the Warrego Highway from Dinmore to Helidon Spa, east of Toowoomba. This planning will consider the long-term needs of the Warrego Highway, including at the Mount Crosby Road interchange.