

Question on Notice

No. 195

Asked on Wednesday 27 February 2019

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise when slip lanes or exit lanes will form part of the Caloundra Road/NicklinWay roundabout?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Caloundra for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads presented its early findings on options to improve access to the Caloundra central business district at a community forum held in Caloundra on 18 October 2016. The proposed preferred option involves replacing the roundabout with a fully signalised intersection and extending the nearby Third Avenue to Nicklin Way.

Planning is underway to confirm the preferred option for future upgrades at the intersection. Slip lanes were considered during early investigations, however, they were ruled out due to the high number of right-turn and straight-through movements at the roundabout. Left-turn slip lanes will not adequately address congestion, and do not allow for safe pedestrian and cyclist crossings.

In January 2019, metering signals were installed as an interim solution at the roundabout to help address congestion and maintain traffic flow.