

Question on Notice

No. 124

Asked on Thursday 6 February 2020

MS F SIMPSON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise when the duplication of Sunshine Motorway from north of David Low Way at Pacific Paradise to Yandina-Coolum Road will be undertaken?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government's *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2019–20 to 2022–23* (QTRIP) represents a record investment in road and transport infrastructure for the fourth year in a row, with \$23 billion committed over the next four years, supporting an average of approximately 21,500 direct jobs over the life of the program. QTRIP has seen an overall increase of more than \$1.3 billion across the four-year period when compared to the previously released 2018–19 to 2021–22 program. Approximately \$3.13 billion is committed across the North Coast district, supporting an estimated average of 3000 direct jobs over the life of the program.

During the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2019, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) delivered approximately \$2 billion of transport and roads infrastructure investment specifically in TMR's North Coast District. Some key projects for TMR's North Coast district in QTRIP include the:

- Caloundra Road to Sunshine Motorway upgrade, at a total cost of \$812.9 million (jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments)
- Maroochydore Road interchange upgrade, at a total cost of \$301.2 million (jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments).

TMR has completed concept planning to confirm corridor requirements for a future duplication of the Sunshine Motorway from north of David Low Way at Pacific Paradise, to Yandina–Coolum Road. The concept planning includes interchanges and provision for active transport.

Timelines for construction of the proposed upgrade have not yet been identified, will depend on future traffic growth in the corridor, and will be subject to availability of funding against competing infrastructure priorities across the State.