

Question on Notice

No. 201

Asked on Wednesday 19 February 2020

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the findings of the recent planning study that was undertaken on Eumundi Noosa Road—

Will the Minister advise of the timeframes for the further planning that has been identified by the department, and whether or not any funding will be allocated for this project in the upcoming State Budget?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ninderry 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 to projects across the North Coast district, including \$550.8 million for stage one of the Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade project and \$1 billion for the Cooroy to Curra (Gympie Bypass) section D project. These projects will support an estimated 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).

With regards to Eumundi–Noosa Road, TMR completed the preliminary planning study in late 2019. The study investigated the full length of the road. Funding to progress any outcomes from the Eumundi–Noosa Road preliminary planning study will be considered during future program reviews, and against other competing priorities across the State.