

Question on Notice

No. 8

Asked on Tuesday 4 February 2020

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

QUESTION:

With reference to changes in safety standards and requirements for railway crossings in Queensland—

Will the Minister confirm that appropriate light and heavy vehicle access will be maintained across the Queensland rail line at Munro Street in Babinda to ensure that this community, (which is bisected by the rail line) can remain connected in a practical manner, with access between its commercial hub and associated rural industry and tourism attractions?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Hill for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is continuing to progress a project to upgrade the intersection of Munro Street and the Bruce Highway. Works at this intersection will be carried out in close collaboration with Queensland Rail in accordance with current standards and will cater for all vehicle types currently permitted to use the intersection.

Queensland Rail is currently finalising the rail signal design and it is expected that construction will commence in early 2021, weather permitting.

The intersection upgrade will improve safety for traffic entering and exiting the highway, as well as improving accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists crossing the highway. Extensive consultation was conducted in the planning phase of this project, with all community feedback considered in the final design of the intersection.

The Queensland Government is committed to the safety of all road users on the Bruce Highway, and recently fast tracked a \$6 million project to upgrade the intersection of East Feluga Road and the Bruce Highway. These works will build on the safety and efficiency improvements achieved with the completion of the \$6 million upgrade of the Ash, Pine and Blackwood streets intersections with the Bruce Highway, and the \$3.9 million upgrade of the Innisfail–Japoon Road intersection with the Bruce Highway.