

Question on Notice

No. 809

Asked on 11 August 2020

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise when construction will commence on the \$125m Linkfield Road overpass?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Clayfield for the question.

The Australian and Queensland governments have jointly committed \$125 million in total to upgrade the Linkfield Road interchange at Bald Hills. This upgrade will address the issues of congestion, queue lengths, sub-standard ramp geometry, and active transport.

The business case for the project is scheduled to commence in coming weeks. Construction is currently anticipated to commence in 2022, which will be confirmed as planning and design progresses. This timeframe aligns with the federal cash flows outlined in the current National Partnership Agreement on Land Transport Infrastructure Schedule.

The Palaszczuk Government has delivered a \$3.1 million fully funded interim upgrade which delivered improvements to the Gympie Arterial Road northbound on-ramp at Linkfield Road. This project was completed in January 2020 and provided immediate relief to local motorists while the final upgrade is being planned and delivered.

The current four-year *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. Approximately \$3.28 billion is committed across TMR's Metropolitan region, supporting an estimated average of 3000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Some key projects for TMR's Metropolitan region in QTRIP are:

- Ipswich Motorway (Rocklea to Darra) Stage 1, total cost of \$400 million (jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments)
- Centenary Motorway – Sumners Road Interchange Upgrade, total cost of \$80 million
- Everton Park Link Road, total cost of \$31 million, currently under construction
- Strathpine Road and Gympie Arterial Road Interchange, total cost of \$30 million (jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments).

As part of our COVID-19 economic recovery response, in partnership with the Australian Government, the Palaszczuk Government has announced \$1 billion in new and accelerated funding for road improvements right across Queensland. This funding injection will deliver freight efficiency benefits, improve road safety, sustain local jobs and lift the state's economy. Overall, this \$1 billion of investment in road network improvements is estimated to support approximately 1000 jobs.

This includes more than \$400 million funding in projects announced by the Palaszczuk Government for Queensland roads to supercharge the State's economy through the COVID-19 recovery. This was announced as part of Queensland's Economic Recovery Strategy: *Unite and Recover for Queensland Jobs*, to help the State recover from COVID-19 with a focus on backing Queensland jobs.