

Question on Notice

No. 845

Asked on 12 August 2020

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the upgrades to the Bruce Highway around Forest Glen and Chevallum and the subsequent increase of heavy vehicles accessing resources for the project using Chevallum Road and intersecting dirt road that is Winston Road South (Chevallum) —

Will the Minister advise whether any arrangements or plans are in place for the rehabilitation of these roads either during or after completion of the upgrade due to the adverse impact caused by these heavy vehicles?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Nicklin for the question.

I am advised that the contractor for the Bruce Highway Upgrade – Maroochydore Road and Mons Road Interchanges project has been transporting topsoil and unsuitable material to the Cordwell quarry located at 161 Chevallum Road since major construction started in June 2020. Access to the quarry has been via Chevallum Road and Winston Road South. Over the past three weeks, there has been an average of eight heavy vehicle movements per day from the Maroochydore Road and Mons Road Interchanges project on this route.

As with all Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) projects, any attributable damage from this upgrade to local roads will be addressed as required.

During the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2019 (financial years 2015–16 to 2018–19), the Palaszczuk Government delivered approximately \$2 billion of transport and roads infrastructure investment specifically in TMR's North Coast region. This includes investment in key projects such as:

- D'Aguilar Highway, Chambers Road to Peterson Road (Woodford) overtaking lane and intersection upgrades, completed in 2018
- Kawana Way and Sunshine Coast University Hospital, upgrade roundabout, completed in 2019.

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 \$3.13 billion is committed across TMR's North Coast region, supporting an estimated average of 3000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Some key projects for TMR's North Coast region in QTRIP are:

- Caloundra Road to Sunshine Motorway, total cost of \$812.9 million (jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments)
- Caboolture–Bribie Island Road interchange to Steve Irwin Way interchange upgrade, total cost of \$662.5 million (jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments)
- Maroochydore Road interchange upgrade, total cost of \$301.2 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.

Projects to receive new funding in TMR's North Coast region as part of the stimulus package include:

- \$18 million for the Six Mile Creek Bridge upgrade along Pomona–Kin Kin Road – estimated to support an average of 28 direct jobs over the life of the project
- \$9.5 million for the Beckmans Road and Cooroy–Noosa Road intersection upgrade – estimated to support an average of 18 direct jobs over the life of the project
- \$3.75 million for the Caloundra Road and Ridgewood Road intersection upgrade – estimated to support an average of 12 direct jobs over the life of the project.