

Question on Notice

No. 1066

Asked on 15 September 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's comments in the Gympie Today on 25 June 2021 that 'The additional funding in this month's state budget locks in the \$336m in joint funding for the future (Tiario bypass) upgrade' and given that the Tiario Bypass listing on page 117 of the Capital Statement and page 70 of QTRIP only provides for \$107m of project funding—

Will the Minister reference the line item in the budget that locks in the state's additional contribution (\$46m)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Callide for asking me a question.

The *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2021–22 to 2024–25* is the sixth record transport and roads infrastructure program, outlining \$27.5 billion in investment over the next four years and estimated to support an average of 24,000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$1.495 billion is allocated to the Department of Transport and Main Roads' Wide Bay Burnett District, estimated to support an average of 1380 direct jobs over the life of the program.

On 15 June 2021, QTRIP 2021–22 to 2024–25 was released and included the long standing \$107 million allocation for the Tiario Bypass, made up of \$85.6 million in Australian Government funding and \$21.4 million in Queensland Government funding. This funding was aligned with the allocations in the 2021–22 Federal Budget, and the associated National Partnership Agreement on Land Transport Infrastructure Projects Schedule (the NPA Schedule). Following the release of the 2021–22 Federal Budget, the Australian Government committed a further \$183 million, for a total Australian Government contribution of \$268.6 million towards the Tiario Bypass project.

At the time QTRIP 2021–22 to 2024–25 was released, the additional Australian Government funding was not yet formalised in the NPA Schedule, however, the Queensland Government committed an extra \$45.75 million, for a total Queensland Government contribution of \$67.15 million. The funding source for the additional State matching for this project is the \$200 million 'Bruce Highway, Queensland Government funding commitment' line item, as identified on page 27 of QTRIP 2021–22 to 2024–25. This means the total commitment for the project is now \$335.75 million, which locks in the funding to build a four-lane bypass, instead of two lanes.

This critical project will improve road safety for the community and will support the increasing capacity of current and future traffic demands.