

## Question on Notice

No. 1212

Asked on 13 October 2021

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

### QUESTION:

With reference to the sink hole that opened up southbound on Southport-Burleigh Road (30 Aug 2021)—

Will the Minister advise (a) if any major works or drainage rectification is needed to ensure the road's long-term safety and functionality and (b) if so, the details of the works including cost, timeline and any other relevant information?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burleigh for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) investigated the incident and identified that the sinkhole was the result of a Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) asset failure, which was a burst ductile iron water main. To ensure the immediate safety of road users, TMR installed a temporary patch and engineers are monitoring the pavement under traffic before further works are planned.

To prevent a recurrence of sinkholes at this location, GCCC has advised TMR it will be undertaking water main rectification works. GCCC is responsible for the cost of any rectification works, and TMR will monitor these works to ensure compliance with road safety standards. Further information about costs and timelines related to the water main repairs should be addressed to GCCC.

Regarding the road's long-term safety and functionality, TMR and GCCC officers continue to work collaboratively and have met on several occasions in recent months regarding the condition of the road. GCCC will soon undertake the final repair of the pavement damaged due to this watermain failure. This work is expected to be completed before the end of 2021, weather and site conditions permitting.

The *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2021–22 to 2024–25* is the sixth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, 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, \$4.806 billion is committed across TMR's South Coast Region, which is estimated to support an average of 4030 direct jobs over the life of the program.

Queensland's world-leading pandemic response has made it the place to be and, to support the State's population boom, significant road upgrades are being delivered as part of *Queensland's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan*. With the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games on the horizon, these upgrades provide immediate economic benefits, support more jobs and deliver ongoing benefits of vital infrastructure for years to come.