

Question on Notice

No. 1266

Asked on 14 October 2021

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister update residents on progress with planning by Main Roads to build an east west road corridor (Southern Infrastructure Corridor) that connects the Gold Coast to areas west of the Northern Darlington Range (Southern Logan City and beyond)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has identified the Southern Infrastructure Corridor (SIC) for future planning in the *South East Queensland Regional Transport Plans 2021*. TMR recognises that Greater Flagstone and Yarrabilba are two priority development areas for residential growth and will be undertaking planning to identify and preserve road corridors which connect these areas to the regional road network, to provide a transport network with community connectivity, and support the economic competitiveness of the region.

TMR is actively protecting the land dedicated to the SIC, while allowing interim activities within the corridor such as the Logan City Council Rail Trail from Logan Village to Yarrabilba. TMR is also engaging with stakeholders such as the Yarrabilba developer, Lendlease, in respect to land dedication for the SIC.

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 Olympics and Paralympics on the horizon, these upgrades provide immediate economic benefits, support more jobs and deliver ongoing benefits of vital infrastructure for years to come.