

Question on Notice

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Asked on 25 February 2021

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) when the department will release design works for the intersection upgrades of Michigan Drive and Tamborine Oxenford Road, Oxenford and (b) if the upgrade will include sound barriers limiting acceleration noise from vehicles and a safety upgrade for Georgina Street, which is located in close proximity to Michigan Drive?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

Thanks to the Palaszczuk Labor Government's election commitment, a project to improve safety at the intersection of Tamborine–Oxenford Road and Michigan Drive is funded in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2020–2021 to 2023–24*, for design and construction in 2022–23 to 2023–24.

Detailed planning and design work will be undertaken by the Department of Transport and Main Roads in due course and will inform the scope and layout of the project. From preliminary investigations, it is likely that traffic signals will be the preferred option due to the constrained road corridor and safety benefits.

The QTRIP 2020–21 to 2023–24 represents a record investment in road and transport infrastructure for the fifth year in a row, with \$26.9 billion in works committed over the next four years, supporting an average of approximately 23,600 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$4.5 billion is committed across TMR's South Coast Region, which is estimated to support an average of 3800 direct jobs over the life of the program.

With the pandemic impacting Queensland businesses and communities, significant road upgrades will be delivered to help stimulate the economy as part of *Unite and Recover: Queensland's Economic Recovery Plan*. These upgrades provide immediate economic record benefits, support more jobs and deliver ongoing benefits of vital infrastructure for years to come.

The QTRIP 2020–21 to 2023–24 includes continued delivery of the \$12.6 billion, 15-year jointly funded program to upgrade the Bruce Highway, the continued delivery of more than \$3.4 billion in upgrades on the M1 Pacific Motorway, the commencement of the \$1.53 billion Coomera Connector (Stage 1) project between Nerang and Coomera, over \$1 billion for dedicated and targeted initiatives to bolster the Queensland Government's commitment to road safety, the \$709.9 million Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3 project, and a \$1 billion new pipeline of rail projects that includes making trains again in Queensland.