

Question on Notice

No. 147

Asked on 9 March 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the department having confirmed the intersection at Maroochydore Road, Pike Street and Killick Street is a high priority and identified a preferred option for staged improvements—

Will the Minister advise when funds will be allocated to address the increasing safety concerns and congestion at this site?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ninderry for the question.

The intersection of Maroochydore Road, Pike Street and Killick Street consists of one through state-controlled road with two intersecting local government-controlled roads. As previously advised in correspondence to the Member dated 7 September 2020, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has identified a preferred option for staged improvements to the Maroochydore Road, Pike Street and Killick Street intersection to improve safety, reduce travel time and reduce peak hour congestion.

Funding for design and construction of the proposed upgrades at this location will be considered in future budgets, subject to competing state-wide priorities and negotiations with other levels of government.

The Palaszczuk Government's *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 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, \$3.612 billion is committed across TMR's North Coast Region, which is estimated to support an average of 3200 direct jobs over the life of the program.