

Question on Notice

No. 170

Asked on 10 March 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the intersection of Forest Hill-Fernvale Road and the Warrego Highway and its history of significant injury and fatal crashes—

Will the Minister advise when will the government deliver a grade separated interchange at this intersection?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Lockyer for the question.

As stated in my responses to Questions on Notice 1104 (2020) and 6 (2021), the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (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, the Australian and Queensland governments have committed \$546.84 million in joint funding, on an 80:20 federal:state funding basis for the Warrego Highway, noting the Mount Crosby interchange upgrade is a key priority for the Queensland Government due to the safety and capacity concerns at this interchange.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is currently undertaking planning to determine highway upgrade priorities, between Dinmore and Helidon Spa, including at Forest Hill–Fernvale Road intersection at Glenore Grove. Project details and timing are subject to further planning and negotiation with the Australian Government and will be documented in the Warrego Highway East Masterplan which is currently underway.

Recognising that TMR is planning to provide full grade-separation for the Warrego Highway between Dinmore and Helidon Spa, TMR is currently also developing options to provide interim safety treatments, including upgrades to intersections to address current safety issues until grade-separation is delivered.

Any upgrades to the Warrego Highway will focus on increasing the safety and efficiency of the road, improving flood immunity and building resilient, connected communities.