

Question on Notice

No. 172

Asked on 10 March 2021

MS F SIMPSON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the traffic volumes on Nicklin Way, the annual growth rate and the forward projection of traffic over the next five years and 10 years?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government has committed \$7 million towards the extension of Third Avenue and a new intersection on Nicklin Way, which will help to improve traffic flow on Nicklin Way and alleviate congestion. This project will connect to Oval Avenue, which is part of Sunshine Coast Council's (SCC) road network. SCC is planning to duplicate Oval Avenue to create a new entrance into Caloundra and SCC has contributed \$4.2 million towards the Nicklin Way/Third Avenue project.

Despite being requested to provide a fair share of \$7 million, the Morrison LNP Government has to date failed to provide this funding to enable the project to proceed.

I can report further to the average daily traffic figures provided in response to Question on Notice 1454 tabled on 18 October 2019, average weekday, peak-hour traffic volumes on Nicklin Way in 2019 ranged from 11,726 to 30,356 northbound and from 12,788 to 30,134 southbound segmentally. Traffic data for 2020 has not yet been published.

Traffic growth is dynamic and will fluctuate depending on numerous factors, including future developments, changes in demographics, changes in employment trends, potential shift in transport modes, future road upgrades and capacity of the wider road network.

The Palaszczuk Government has a very strong record of delivery and investment in Queensland's road network and our approach to increased investment is what is needed now more than ever as we aim to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Palaszczuk Government's continued investment in Sunshine Coast roads and transport will help relieve congestion and improve connectivity on the Bruce Highway, Bells Creek Arterial, Nicklin Way, Kawana Way Link Road, Kawana Way and the Sunshine Motorway.