

Question on Notice

No. 18

Asked on 23 February 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the \$100,000 that has been allocated to the survey and design of the Yandina-Coolum Road and South Coolum Road intersection upgrade—

Will the Minister advise (a) how much of the funding has been spent to date, (b) the recommendations of the surveying and design work done to date, (c) the estimated cost of the preferred design, (d) what consultation, if any, has been undertaken with the local community to date around the preferred outcome and (e) the timeframe for construction?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ninderry for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is aware of congestion around the Yandina Coolum Road, South Coolum Road and School Road intersection and is focused on delivering an effective infrastructure solution to relieve congestion at this location.

TMR is working closely with Sunshine Coast Council (SCC) and Coolum State School to consider possible solutions that can be implemented in the short term to improve the operation and capacity of the Yandina Coolum Road, South Coolum Road and School Road intersection. The Queensland Government has committed \$100,000 towards this work.

- (a) To date, TMR has spent \$35,000 of the \$100,000 allocated to investigate options for an upgrade of the intersection.
- (b) I note an early recommendation of the investigations undertaken to date is that TMR requires the issue of queuing back to the intersection from the school drop-off zone be resolved first, as this safety issue will impact on any future upgrade. This issue was explained at a recent SafeST meeting the Member for Ninderry attended with representatives from SCC, Coolum State School and TMR.
- (c) The estimated cost of the preferred design has not yet been determined.
- (d) As planning and design progresses, TMR will consult with the community to seek their feedback and better understand their needs and concerns. Project costs and timeframes for future stages will also be confirmed as the project progresses.

TMR has undertaken extensive investigations to identify short-term and medium-term solutions at this location.

In terms of long-term planning, the Queensland Government has committed a further \$1.3 million to undertake duplication planning for the Sunshine Motorway from Pacific Paradise to Coolum. The project will also investigate replacing the existing roundabout at Yandina Coolum Road and any necessary upgrades on the approaches to the intersection, including the existing roundabout at School Road east of the motorway. Planning for the future upgrade of the Sunshine Motorway will commence later this year.

The 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.