

Question on Notice

No. 28

Asked on 23 February 2021

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the House as to the status of the proposed upgrade of the Mt Crosby Road Warrego Highway Interchange at Tivoli in Ipswich?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ipswich West for the question.

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, the Australian and Queensland governments have committed \$546.84 million joint funding, on an 80:20 funding basis, on the Warrego Highway.

Investment in the Mount Crosby Interchange upgrade is one of the Palaszczuk Government's highest priorities for funding due to the safety and capacity concerns at this interchange.

In 2020, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) undertook community consultation on a proposed concept option for an interim upgrade to the Mount Crosby Road Interchange.

Community feedback is being collated and analysed and will be considered in the department's ongoing work to scope and design an upgrade for the interchange. TMR is currently preparing a Project Proposal Report for submission to the Australian Government which will allow the release of Australian Government funding to advance the interchange upgrade project further. I have also written to the Deputy Prime Minister to remind him of the importance of upgrading the Mount Crosby Road Interchange.

As an interim measure to improve safety, TMR has implemented a warning and queue monitoring system to reduce the risk of vehicle traffic accidents at this location. This includes the installation of CCTV at the Warrego Highway – Mount Crosby Road interchange, vehicle detector radar on the westbound off-ramp of the Warrego Highway at the interchange, and a variable message sign trailer for the Warrego Highway.