

Question on Notice

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Asked on 23 February 2021

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update in relation to the new bus stops and bus turnaround on Gowan Road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Stretton for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government recognises the importance of continued investment in our public transport network to enable Queenslanders to connect more easily to health services, education, jobs and with each other.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is delivering the Stretton bus stops and bus turnaround facility project, which is currently scoped to include:

- an upgraded bus stop on Illaweena Street
- new bus stops and layovers on Gowan Road
- an upgrade to the bus turnaround facility on Gowan Road, including a new driver's facility room and signalised intersection at Gowan Road/The Parkway.

These improvements will support the extension of the existing route 130 bus service, making it easier for the Stretton community to access high-frequency bus services, and will also deliver operational efficiencies within the local bus network.

Brisbane City Council (BCC) currently owns, operates and maintains the existing bus turnaround facility. TMR has recently provided BCC with the final design for the new bus stops, turnaround, driver's facility and intersection upgrades and is awaiting approval of these works on council's road network. BCC has raised some concerns about owning, operating and maintaining the new driver's facility room at the bus turnaround adjacent to Ming-Shan park, and TMR and BCC are currently negotiating to resolve these issues. TMR is committed to delivering this project in its current form and providing the maximum benefits for the local Stretton community. However, the final design may need to change once negotiations with BCC are completed.

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, approximately \$3.65 billion is committed across TMR's Metropolitan Region, which is estimated to support an average of 3100 direct jobs over the life of the program.

With the pandemic impacting Queensland businesses and communities, significant road upgrades will be delivered to help stimulate the economy as part of *Unite and Recover: Queensland's Economic Recovery Plan*. These upgrades provide immediate economic record benefits, support more jobs and deliver ongoing benefits of vital infrastructure for years to come.

The QTRIP 2020–21 to 2023–24 includes continued delivery of the \$12.6 billion, 15-year jointly funded program to upgrade the Bruce Highway, the continued delivery of more than \$3.4 billion in upgrades on the M1 Pacific Motorway, the commencement of the \$1.53 billion Coomera Connector (Stage 1) project between Nerang and Coomera, over \$1 billion for dedicated and targeted initiatives to bolster the Queensland Government's commitment to road safety, the \$709.9 million Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3 project, and a \$1 billion new pipeline of rail projects that includes making trains again in Queensland.