

Question on Notice

No. 67

Asked on 24 February 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent announcement of federal funding for two important road safety initiatives in Coolum and Peregian, namely the pedestrian refuge on Yandina-Coolum Road and the safety barriers on the Peregian Springs overpass—

Will the Minister confirm that the State Government will allocate the required funding under the 'use it or lose it' provision to ensure these vital projects proceed?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ninderry for the question.

Unfortunately, the Member appears to be operating under a mistake of fact in relation to "the recent announcement of federal funding for two important road safety initiatives in Coolum and Peregian".

The Australian Government Road Safety Program funding commitment was announced on 6 October 2020, with the total funding allocation for Tranche 1 for Queensland being \$293 million, with the Australian Government contributing \$226.7 million and the Palaszczuk Government contributing \$66.3 million.

Upon its re-election, the Palaszczuk Government nominated priority projects under the Road Safety Program. Under the Tranche 1 joint funding agreement, 88 road safety projects will be fast-tracked and rolled out across Queensland in 2021, including ten projects in the North Coast Region valued at \$6.9 million.

These projects were jointly announced on 18 January 2021.

A total of \$440,000 in joint funding has been allocated to install a new pedestrian refuge at the supervised children's crossing on Yandina-Coolum Road near School Road at Coolum Beach. The project will improve safety for pedestrians, including the many students who cross this section of Yandina-Coolum Road daily. The construction of the pedestrian refuge and kerbside buildouts will allow pedestrians to cross one lane of traffic at a time, shortening the crossing distance and limiting exposure to traffic. The project will also include pavement resurfacing, line marking and new signage.

In addition, a total of \$715,000 in joint funding has been provided to install an anti-throw screen on the Havana Road footbridge over Sunshine Motorway at Peregian Springs. The overpass across the Sunshine Motorway provides pedestrian access between Havana Road West and Havana Road East where Coolum State High School is located. The project will address community concerns about student and motorist safety at this location.

These important safety projects are priorities of the Palaszczuk Government and are being fast-tracked and will roll out over the coming months, with completion scheduled by mid-2021.