

Question on Notice

No. 687

Asked on 26 May 2021

MR S MINNIKIN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an outline of the maintenance work currently being undertaken on the Captain Cook Bridge including, scope, cost, and how this work relates to the rehabilitation works completed in 2017–18?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is currently undertaking maintenance works on the Captain Cook Bridge. The Captain Cook Bridge was opened in 1972 and typically carries in excess of 140,000 vehicles per day. The bridge has been a great asset to Brisbane over the years and requires critical maintenance works to ensure it continues to perform this vital function.

The \$26 million works include the replacement of the bearings at the southern suspended span, for both the north and southbound bridges, which required full closures of each bridge. This work was completed in 2020. Two temporary work platforms have been installed under the bridge so the work crew can safely access and undertake maintenance activities on the Captain Cook Bridge. These activities are ongoing and will be completed by late 2021, weather and construction conditions permitting.

TMR routinely carries out maintenance inspections and activities on all assets across the state-controlled road network. TMR has undertaken a series of routine maintenance activities on both the Captain Cook Bridge and Riverside Expressway to ensure the network operates at its peak level. The current maintenance works are follow-up works to the routine inspection and interim bearing replacement works undertaken in 2017–2018.