

Question on Notice

No. 754

Asked on 15 June 2021

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline how much funding will be allocated in this State Budget to address some of the urgent road infrastructure projects in the Ninderry Electorate, including the important safety upgrades to Eumundi Noosa Road and Yandina Coolum Road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ninderry for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its sixth record \$27.5 billion *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2021–22 to 2024–25* (QTRIP) which was released on 15 June 2021. An amount of \$27.5 billion in works is committed over the next four years, estimated to support 24,000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, approximately \$2.927 million is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' North Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 2640 direct jobs over the life of the program.

One of the key features of the program is the \$320 million jointly funded Mooloolah River Interchange (MRI) project that was announced last month. This project will improve north-south travel between key residential, employment, health and education facilities to support population, economic and tourism growth in one of Queensland's fastest growing regions. In addition to improved transport capacity, reliability and safety, the MRI will also improve access for local communities in Mooloolaba, Mountain Creek and Birtinya areas, and improve active transport connectivity.

With regard to the Ninderry electorate, QTRIP lists the following investments:

- \$3.16 million for Zgrajewski Road (Yandina Creek), McCords Road to Arcoona Road—construct to sealed standard (local government delivery)
- \$1.75 million for Sunshine Motorway (Mooloolaba-Peregian), Pacific Paradise to Coolum—planning (planning activities for the future duplication of the motorway will be undertaken in both Ninderry and Maroochydore state electorates (state government delivery))
- \$1.02 million for Maroochydore-Noosa Road, David Low Way and Scrub Road intersection—upgrade pedestrian facility (state government delivery)
- \$1 million for Eumundi-Noosa Road, Seib Road to train line—construct active transport bridge (local government delivery)
- \$800,000 for Maroochydore-Noosa Road, Bli Bli bridge upgrade—planning (state government delivery)
- \$600,000 for Wust Road, Doonan—upgrade curve realignment and surface correction (local government delivery)
- \$150,000 for Wust Road, Doonan—install warning signs and safety barriers (local government delivery).

It should be noted this list does not include investments managed at a statewide or regional program level across many electorates, such as routine maintenance works.

The Palaszczuk Government will continue to invest in the Sunshine Coast, and by investing we can create good quality jobs for one of Queensland's fastest growing regions.

That approach can relevantly be contrasted with that of the previous LNP Government which cut \$1.6 billion from the roads and transport budget. Also relevant is the fact that the LNP proposed to cut stimulus road funding on the Sunshine Coast to fund infrastructure on the Gold Coast, as was revealed in the LNP costings document released ahead of the 2020 General Election.