

## Question on Notice

No. 866

Asked on 17 June 2021

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

### QUESTION:

With reference to the Palaszczuk Government's record investment in roads and transport infrastructure—

Will the Minister provide details of funding in this year's budget for public transport infrastructure in Kurwongbah, including for continued planning on the Narangba Station park 'n' ride?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Kurwongbah for the question, and his strong advocacy for better transport and road infrastructure for his constituents.

The Palaszczuk Government has made a substantial investment in public transport infrastructure in the Kurwongbah electorate that includes \$520,000 for design of the Narangba park 'n' ride upgrade as part of Queensland Rail's Capital Plan. The project will help increase commuter parking capacity at the station's existing park 'n' ride facility by more than 30 per cent, boosting its total number of parks available to more than 500.

Further, more than \$500 million is being invested to upgrade stations to improve accessibility across the South East Queensland network. These upgrades will make it easier and safer for many customers to access the public transport system. Under Queensland Rail's Station Accessibility Upgrade Program, 22 station upgrade projects are at various stages—from planning and design, through to construction or completion. In late 2020, the latest round of stations to be upgraded through the program were confirmed, including Burpengary station. Preliminary technical investigations are now complete for Burpengary station, with activities to inform the preferred options and final costs now underway. While the project scope varies for each station, accessibility upgrades generally deliver new footbridges with lifts and platform raising. Other project features include accessible toilets, hearing aid loops, tactile floor and platform surfaces, lighting upgrades, improved CCTV and wayfinding signage, and new bicycle enclosures.

In addition to the station upgrade, the Queensland Government has also allocated \$400,000 to the Burpengary park 'n' ride upgrade business case, pending outcomes from the feasibility study. This follows the completion of the \$10.4 million Lawnton station park 'n' ride facility in late 2020, which provided 250 new parking spaces.

These public transport investments join the Queensland Government's contribution towards critical road improvements across the Kurwongbah electorate, with more than \$129 million allocated in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2021–22 and 2024–25* (QTRIP). This will deliver key road projects, including the Bruce Highway Upgrade – Deception Road Interchange, the Petrie intersection upgrade, and the Morayfield Road and Beerburrum Road Route Safety Project.

The \$27.5 billion QTRIP record program is estimated to support 24,000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, approximately \$2.927 billion 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.