

## Question on Notice

No. 878

Asked on 18 June 2021

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

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the estimated vehicles per day for the following motorways (reported separately for the current year, 2024, 2025 and 2026) (a) Ipswich Motorway at Goodna, (b) Centenary Highway at Mt Ommaney and (c) Western Freeway at Indooroopilly?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government understands the importance of continued investment on Queensland's state-owned road network.

That is why the Palaszczuk Government jointly-funded the \$400 million Ipswich Motorway Upgrade (Rocklea to Darra Stage 1), in partnership with the Australian Government. This project has eased congestion and improved safety, flood immunity, connectivity and efficiency for road freight and other road users. Construction commenced in late-October 2017 and the upgrade was officially opened on 27 April 2021.

Additionally, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) undertook a planning study for the Centenary Motorway Upgrade, which was finalised in March 2019. The Centenary Motorway provides the primary link between Brisbane's high-growth western corridor, the inner western and northern suburbs, and the Central Business District.

The Palaszczuk Government has committed \$20 million for planning and design, and \$112 million for construction of a new, three-lane northbound Centenary Bridge over the Brisbane River at Jindalee, refurbishment of the existing bridges and improved active transport facility for the river crossing. The Palaszczuk Government has also secured matching funding of \$112 million from the Australian Government, which would bring the total investment to \$244 million.

In addition to this, the Palaszczuk Government opened the \$80 million Sumners Road Interchange Upgrade at Jamboree Heights six months ahead of schedule, in April of this year. The works completed features two new bridges, six lanes and the removal of two notorious roundabouts, which will make life better for drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, residents and businesses.

In contrast, it is relevant to note this fully funded project was cut by the previous LNP Government as part of the \$1.6 billion cut to transport and road funding. The Palaszczuk Government has now delivered its sixth record \$27.5 billion *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2021–22 to 2024–25* which will support 24,000 jobs over the life of the program.

I am advised the 2021 observed daily two-way counts are:

- Ipswich Motorway at Goodna – 114,000
- Centenary Highway at Mt Ommaney – 83,000
- Western Freeway at Indooroopilly – 80,000.

The transport model forecasts an annual two to three per cent growth rate for each of these roads out to 2026.