

Question on Notice

No. 1084

Asked on 14 October 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Question on Notice No. 1696 asked on 14 November 2018—

Will the Minister advise what timeframe currently exists for the inclusion of the additional lane on the M1 motorway between Helensvale Road and Brisbane Road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

I can advise the Queensland Government is progressing infrastructure upgrades along the Pacific Motorway (M1), and is currently building the second M1 (Coomera Connector). This project will mean extra lanes between the Gold Coast Highway (Brisbane Road) and Helensvale Road on a new road that will take a significant amount of traffic off the M1 as an alternative when it is fully constructed and operational.

The Palaszczuk Government knows that we need a Second M1.

That is why our government secured and gazetted the full corridor in 2016, 2017 and 2019 after inheriting no corridor when elected. The Palaszczuk Government then funded it and locked in \$2.16 billion in joint-funding to build Stage 1 of the Coomera Connector—the single largest road project in Queensland. Our plan will take 60,000 cars a day off the M1 and provide for additional capacity for a growing northern Gold Coast region,

Stage 1 of the Coomera Connector between Coomera and Nerang is expected to reduce pressure on this section of the M1 by providing an alternative route for the growing communities and commercial hubs of Helensvale and Coomera.

There is no funding allocated in the current *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26* for the construction of an additional lane on the M1 between Exit 60 at Helensvale Road and Exit 62 at Brisbane Road.

The Queensland Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26, which outlines \$29.7 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$5.194 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' South Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 4300 direct jobs over the life of the program.