

Question on Notice

No. 1159

Asked on 26 October 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's commitment in early 2019 to upgrade the Sugar Road and Mooloolaba Road intersection, and public announcements that construction was scheduled to commence mid-2022—

Will the Minister (a) advise when construction on this well overdue project is due to commence and (b) outline the reasons for the delay of this important project?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Buderim for the question.

The Mooloolaba Road and Sugar Road intersection upgrade will improve safety, capacity and efficiency along this busy section of the road network, which sees up to 20,000 vehicle movements a day.

The design stage of this project is nearing completion. Construction timing will be informed once this is complete.

This is a critical project for this busy section of the state-controlled road network. It is imperative that the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) project team takes the time to thoroughly investigate and review the design and carry out in-depth planning of construction staging to minimise the potential disruption on the surrounding traffic network (including the Sunshine Motorway) in the vicinity of the work site.

I understand the Member's office has been kept informed by the project team throughout all stages of the design work including as recently as mid-September 2022 when an update about the project's proposed slope stability work was provided. These proposed works are an outcome of TMR's rigorous design investigations for the project.