

Question on Notice

No. 1172

Asked on 27 October 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the additional revenue being raised through camera enforcement (\$274.5m last financial year)—

Will the Minister advise when the Minister will commit to funding additional turning lanes on the Warrego Highway including the dangerous Summerholm Road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Lockyer for the question.

The Australian and Queensland governments have developed the *Warrego Highway Upgrade Strategy (2012)*, which outlines the infrastructure priorities for the Warrego Highway between Ipswich and Charleville. These infrastructure priorities were developed following an extensive technical review and stakeholder consultation and have been periodically reviewed over the last 10 years to ensure the infrastructure investment is focused on the highest needs, particularly in relation to road safety, efficiency and freight productivity.

The Australian and Queensland governments have now committed a further \$549.56 million on an 80:20 basis to the Warrego Highway, between Ipswich and Toowoomba. A technical review, including stakeholder consultation, was recently completed to ensure this investment was appropriately prioritised, and to allow a corridor to be protected for the future Warrego Highway upgrades.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has prepared a business case, which includes Summerholm Road. However, the treatment in this location would be an interim safety treatment in advance of a future interchange at Hatton Vale.

In relation to revenue raised by the Camera Detected Offence Program (CDOP), since 2015–16, the Targeted Road Safety Program (TRSP) has funded over \$27.4 million of road safety projects on the whole of the Warrego Highway. Over \$18.3 million of the total TRSP funds have been allocated to the Warrego Highway between Ipswich and Toowoomba, including \$11 million for the intersection upgrade at the Warrego Highway, Tallegalla Road and Lowood-Minden Road intersection which was completed in 2018–19.

All of these projects have delivered significant benefits to all communities that use the Warrego Highway, including communities in the Lockyer Valley.

The additional CDOP revenue anticipated in coming years is expected to be allocated to targeted road safety projects across the state-controlled road network to continue the delivery of road safety programs, such as the Safer Roads Sooner program.