

Question on Notice

No. 1257

Asked on 8 November 2022

MS F SIMPSON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister confirm (a) when public consultation for 2022 will commence for the duplication of the Sunshine Coast Motorway (Pacific Paradise to Coolum) further to the public consultation held in December 2021 and (b) when will construction work commence?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government has allocated \$1.75 million to undertake preliminary planning for the future duplication of the Sunshine Motorway between David Low Way and Yandina–Coolum Road to accommodate future growth. The planning is now well advanced with a preferred option to be released soon for community consultation.

The Queensland Government is investigating doubling the motorway's capacity from two to four lanes. As part of the project, provisions for active transport and improvements to flood immunity have been considered. The Palaszczuk Government has also committed \$5 million to signalise the Yandina–Coolum Road/School Road intersection to improve safety and capacity. Timelines for future construction of the proposed motorway upgrade are not known and will be subject to availability of funding against competing infrastructure priorities across Queensland.

The Palaszczuk 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, \$3.079 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' North Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 2700 direct jobs over the life of the program.