

Question on Notice

No. 1316

Asked on 9 November 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the planning for the duplication of the Sunshine Motorway between David Low Way and north of the Yandina Coolum Road—

Will the Minister advise (a) the progress of the preliminary evaluation, (b) when the findings of this preliminary evaluation will be released for community consultation and (c) how much of the \$1.75m allocated to this project has been spent to date?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ninderry 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. This planning is now well advanced with a preferred option to be released soon for community consultation.

Subject to the outcomes of community consultation, the preliminary evaluation is expected to be completed within the \$1.75 million budget in early 2023.

The Palaszczuk 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.

A significant amount of work has been completed to date to identify and document the preferred option, with approximately 85 per cent of the \$1.75 million budget being expended.

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.