

Question on Notice

No. 176

Asked on 16 March 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the 2020 Christmas holiday period, a number of serious car crashes occurred on Rosedale Road in the Burnett Electorate—

Will the Minister advise whether there are plans and funds allocated for the installation of safety upgrades including overtaking lanes?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burnett for the question.

The devastating impacts of road crashes permanently change families and our communities, and every life that is cut short, or person who is seriously injured on Queensland roads, is one too many. In 2021 alone, 276 people did not make it home to their loved ones.

The Palaszczuk Government continues to adopt new technologies and strategies critical in preventing the deaths and serious injuries we are still seeing on Queensland roads and meeting the ambitious targets we have committed to in the recently released *Queensland Road Safety Strategy 2022–2031*.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its sixth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, outlining \$27.5 billion in investment over the next four years and estimated to support an average of 24,000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$1.495 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) Wide Bay Burnett District, which is estimated to support an average of 1380 direct jobs over the life of the program.

Since the 2020–21 financial year, the Queensland Government has invested \$5.38 million into upgrades along the full length of Bundaberg – Miriam Vale Road, including:

- \$461,000 to upgrade the Bundaberg – Miriam Vale Road and Quinns Road intersection
- \$458,000 to upgrade the Bundaberg – Miriam Vale Road and Winfield Road intersection
- \$2.73 million to undertake roadside safety improvements along Bundaberg – Miriam Vale Road
- \$1.21 million to upgrade the Bundaberg – Miriam Vale Road, Monduran Road and Yandaran Road intersection
- \$91,000 allocated to rehabilitate pavement on Bundaberg – Miriam Vale Road, from Mercers Road to Bucca Road
- \$116,000 allocated to rehabilitate pavement on Bundaberg – Miriam Vale Road, from Dicksons Road to Cockatoo Road
- \$317,000 allocated to upgrade the Bundaberg – Miriam Vale Road and Greg Tobin Court intersection.

In addition to the above projects, TMR has allocated \$1.5 million to maintenance works on Bundaberg – Miriam Vale Road in the 2020–21 and 2021–22 (to date) financial years. There are currently no plans to install overtaking lanes on Bundaberg – Miriam Vale Road. Decisions about further upgrades to the road will continue to be made based on its performance and priority for upgrading.

Queensland's world-leading pandemic response has made it the place to be and, to support the State's population boom, significant road upgrades are being delivered as part of *Queensland's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan*. These upgrades provide immediate economic benefits, support more jobs, and deliver ongoing benefits of vital infrastructure for years to come.