

Question on Notice

No. 208

Asked on 17 March 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Sunshine Motorway—

Will the Minister advise (a) the daily traffic volumes on the two-lane section of the motorway between Kawana Way and the Mooloolah River Interchange, (b) the average daily traffic delays on the motorway due to this bottleneck currently and (c) the projected cost of traffic congestion on this road using the formula the department applies for its business cases?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

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, \$2.927 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) North Coast Region, which is estimated to support an average of 2640 direct jobs over the life of the program.

As part of this record investment, the Palaszczuk Government has committed \$320 million in joint funding with the Commonwealth Government for design and construction of Stage 1 of the Mooloolah River Interchange (MRI).

TMR advise that the two-lane section of the Sunshine Motorway, between Kawana Way and the MRI has an annual average daily traffic (AADT) count of 45,236 combined for both directions. Traffic census for Queensland's state-declared road network showing AADT counts is available on the Queensland Government data portal website at www.data.qld.gov.au. On average, there is a traffic delay of approximately one to two minutes along this section of the motorway.

The detailed business case for the Sunshine Motorway, MRI Upgrade estimated the projected cost of traffic congestion on this section of the motorway at \$16.89 per person-hour for private travel.

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*. With the Brisbane 2032 Olympics and Paralympics on the horizon, these upgrades provide immediate economic benefits, support more jobs and deliver ongoing benefits of vital infrastructure for years to come.