

Question on Notice

No. 259

Asked on 29 March 2022

MR A POWELL ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister list all projects in the current Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) that will be subject to the Best Practice Industry Conditions?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

In the current *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program* (QTRIP) 2021–22 to 2024–25, 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.

Best Practice Industry Conditions (BPIC) outline the expectation for best practice employment conditions for workers performing work on-site on projects where the Best Practice Principles (BPP) apply, namely projects with a project value of more than \$100 million. A specific guidance document, *BPIC for Transport Civil Construction Projects* (Transport BPIC), has been developed for BPP projects delivered by the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

The Transport BPIC aspires to:

- increase capability, capacity and diversity of the workforce on major government transport infrastructure projects
- reduce casualisation of the workforce
- provide conditions that will keep workers safe
- better support the health and wellbeing of workers.

In accordance with the Queensland Procurement Policy, up to 27 projects from *QTRIP 2021–22 to 2024–25* will likely be subject to the BPP, as they are valued \$100 million or above, and therefore require consideration of the Transport BPIC. These projects include the following:

- Coomera Connector (Stage 1), Coomera to Nerang
- Bruce Highway (Brisbane - Gympie), Pine River to Dohles Rocks Road interchange
- Gateway Motorway, Bracken Ridge to Pine River
- Gold Coast Light Rail (Stage 3), Broadbeach South to Burleigh Heads
- Bruce Highway (Cooroy to Curra) Section D – contract 2
- Pacific Motorway, Daisy Hill to Logan Motorway
- Rockhampton Ring Road
- Bruce Highway (Brisbane – Gympie), Caboolture–Bribie Island Road to Steve Irwin Way upgrade – contract 2
- Rollingstock Expansion Project, construct new rollingstock
- Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade (Stage 1)
- Logan and Gold Coast Faster Rail (Kuraby to Beenleigh) upgrade
- Mackay Port Access, Bruce Highway to Mackay - Slade Point Road
- Cairns Ring Road (Cairns CBD to Smithfield)
- Sunshine Motorway, Mooloolah River Interchange Upgrade (Stage 1)
- Cairns Western Arterial Road, Redlynch Connector Road to Captain Cook Highway

- Centenary Bridge Upgrade
- Bruce Highway, Cairns Southern Access Corridor (Stage 5), Foster Road
- Beams Road (Bracken Ridge), open level crossing
- Boundary Road (Coopers Plains), rail level crossing
- Walkerston Bypass
- Access to Gladstone Port
- Linkfield Road Overpass
- Pacific Motorway, Exit 49
- Bruce Highway (Gympie – Maryborough), Tiaro Bypass.

QTRIP 2021–22 to 2024–25 also includes corridor level-funding commitments that will potentially see further projects subject to BPP, such as commitments on the Bruce Highway, Warrego Highway and Cunningham Highway.