

Question on Notice

No. 292

Asked on 30 March 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister consult with the community on the Brisbane Valley Highway funding through the City Deals Program to ensure the spending meets our communities' priorities?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Lockyer for the question.

Funding of \$40.5 million for safety upgrades on the Brisbane Valley Highway as part of the *South East Queensland City Deal* was announced by the Australian Government on 21 March 2022. This includes \$20 million committed by the Australian Government, \$20 million committed by the Queensland Government, and \$500,000 committed by Somerset Regional Council (SRC). The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will work with SRC to develop a program of works for the safety upgrades.

Community feedback plays a key role in initiatives and projects undertaken by TMR. The department will consult with the wider community on the proposed safety upgrades to better understand community needs and concerns along this route.

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 TMR's North Coast Region, which is estimated to support an average of 2640 direct jobs over the life of the program.

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.