

Question on Notice

No. 357

Asked on 31 March 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Helensvale Road being an important interchange for the Coomera Connector—

Will the Minister advise what progress the Department of Transport and Main Roads has made with Gold Coast City Council on an agreement to upgrade Helensvale Road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

We need a second M1. That is why the Palaszczuk Government has backed it and locked in \$2.16 billion in joint-funding to build Stage 1. Our plan will take 60,000 cars a day off the M1 and provide for additional capacity from Coomera to Nerang. On 15 September 2021, the Member asked a similar question under Question on Notice 1093, with a response tabled on 15 October 2021. The information contained in that response remains current.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) continues to work with Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) in relation to the upgrade of Helensvale Road in the immediate vicinity of the Coomera Connector interchange ramps. GCCC is responsible for any associated upgrade of Helensvale Road as part of their overall transport planning for the area, which is funded through developer contributions.

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, \$4.806 billion is committed across TMR's South Coast Region, which is estimated to support an average of 4030 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.