

Question on Notice

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Asked on 10 May 2022

DR C ROWAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what planning and specific projects are being progressed for the electorate of Moggill, with respect to public and active transport, including those related to pedestrian and cyclist safety, via the joint State Government-Brisbane City Council Active Transport Advisory Committee?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Moggill for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is investing at record levels to deliver better transport services and infrastructure across South East Queensland. Priority projects like Cross River Rail will transform the way customers travel, with benefits to be seen across the entire public transport network.

I established a joint Queensland Government and Brisbane City Council (BCC) Active Transport Advisory Committee (ATAC) with the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Councillor Adrian Schrinner in July 2020. The ATAC works with bike riding and walking groups from across the city to look at how we can help grow participation and improve the safety for people walking and riding.

Improving conditions for walking is also a part of the ATAC's focus, which is actively supported by the Palaszczuk Government. In 2019, we launched Queensland's first ever *Queensland Walking Strategy 2019–2029* accompanied by an initial two-year action plan. On 19 May 2022, I released the second *Action Plan for Walking 2022–2024* which includes 35 actions such as:

- new planning grants to support local governments to improve walking environments around schools, public transport, and town centres
- planning for walking on the state transport network
- developing a movement and place policy and framework
- promoting provision of more shade for people walking.

These actions will support better outcomes for people walking, including in Moggill.

Additionally, the Palaszczuk Government has committed \$20 million for planning and design, and \$112 million for construction of a new three-lane northbound Centenary Bridge over the Brisbane River at Jindalee, refurbishment of the existing bridges and improved active transport facilities for the river crossing, which is currently in procurement

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing an integrated and efficient public transport network for all Queenslanders. Our government has a strong record of investing in public transport—whether it is Cross River Rail, light rail on the Gold Coast, upgrading train stations or new bus services in our growing outer-urban areas.

The Palaszczuk Government recently released a draft 10-year plan, *Creating Better Connections for Queenslanders*, which sets out the priorities and key initiatives for passenger transport in Queensland to ensure that as many Queenslanders as possible can benefit from having access to reliable and frequent passenger transport.

One of the initiatives in the plan is to improve the reliability of services by investing in infrastructure that gives passenger transport and those who walk or ride priority over those travelling in private vehicles.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads continually monitors development and demand across Brisbane's transport network to ensure investment is targeted where it will have the greatest benefit. It is recognised that the electorate of Moggill is experiencing significant growth and there will be a need to plan for and investigate opportunities to support the provision of more reliable, efficient and attractive passenger transport options for the people of Moggill.

More information about this work will be shared with the Member as it becomes available.