

Question on Notice

No. 431

Asked on 11 May 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister clarify that the proposed western corridor road through the electorate of Kurwongbah is not intended to be a highway to get vehicles to the Petrie university campus as reported in a recent media article, but a transport corridor to ease pressure on the Bruce Highway?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Kurwongbah for the question.

The future North Brisbane Bruce Highway Western Alternative (BHWA) corridor, between Beerburrum and North Brisbane, will provide an effective transport network for future development and support future population growth in the broader Moreton Bay region. It will also preserve the existing function of the Bruce Highway as part of the National Land Transport Network to service long-distance traffic and freight between regional economical hubs on the East Coast of Australia.

The corridor is not being planned to specifically get motorists to the University of Sunshine Coast Moreton Bay campus at Petrie. The corridor serves a more strategic purpose in providing an alternate route to the Bruce Highway and to help alleviate congestion and accommodate future growth in the region.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is progressing planning and consultation for the BHWA in stages. Planning for Stage 2, south of Caboolture West from Moorina to Narangba, is the next priority and community consultation for this stage is expected to commence in the coming months.

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.