

Question on Notice

No.585

Asked on 26 May 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) when the bus service promised for Kawana Forest (Meridan Plains) six months ago will commence and (b) the details of the timeline for commencement including the draft timetable?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Kawana for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government continues to invest in public transport services for the community across the Sunshine Coast. As addressed with the Member through my letter dated 7 June 2022, I can confirm several Sunshine Coast communities are set to benefit from new investment in public transport, with five bus routes in four growing southern Sunshine Coast locations extended, or rerouted, this year. The Southern Sunshine Coast Public Transport Strategy identified public transport development around key corridors and connections to accompany the region's development, as well as enhancing the movement of people in the community.

I am pleased to confirm that residents in the Kawana Forest Estate in Meridan Plains are set to experience new bus services starting 11 July 2022, as route 611 expands to service new areas for the first time. The extension will provide local residents with a direct journey to Sunshine Coast University Hospital, Kawana Shoppingworld, Mooloolaba and Maroochydore, and offers a large span of hours with services every 30 minutes on weekdays and 60 minutes on weekends. A full service timetable is already available on the Translink Journey Planner online at <https://jp.translink.com.au/plan-your-journey/journey-planner>.