

Question on Notice

No. 592

Asked on 26 May 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise if there will be any additional funding in the budget to fast track significant road infrastructure upgrades including the duplication of the Sunshine Motorway to ensure our regional road network is fit for purpose given the rapid population growth?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ninderry for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2022–23 to 2025–26*, which outlines \$29.7 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$3.079 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) North Coast Region, which is estimated to support an average of 2700 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.

Key projects for the Sunshine Motorway in TMR's North Coast Region QTRIP 2022–23 to 2025–26 include:

- \$320 million allocated for Stage 1 works for the Sunshine Motorway Mooloolah River Interchange Upgrade project. This project—which is jointly funded between the Australian and Queensland governments on a 50:50 basis—is currently undergoing detailed design
- \$5 million for business case development for the Sunshine Motorway (Tanawha – Mooloolaba) between Dixon Road to the Mooloolah River Interchange. This planning project will also be jointly funded between the Australian and Queensland governments on a 50:50 basis
- \$1.75 million for planning for the future duplication of the Sunshine Motorway, between David Low Way and the Yandina–Cooloom Road to accommodate future growth and improve safety, connectivity and efficiency within the region. As part of this planning, provisions for active transport and improvements to the Yandina–Cooloom Road roundabout and the School Road intersection will also be considered. A preliminary evaluation for the project is being undertaken and is expected to be complete in late 2022
- \$1.6 million for planning for the Sunshine Motorway (Mooloolaba – Peregian) between Buderim – Mooloolaba and Maroochy Boulevard interchanges. Planning is underway in consultation with the Sunshine Coast Council to deliver a long-term solution for motorists using these busy interchanges.