

Question on Notice

No. 641

Asked on 22 June 2022

MS F SIMPSON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister commit to funding to build the duplication of the Sunshine Motorway north of Pacific Paradise and the extra connection south of Mount Coolum?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore 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.

This year's Budget is delivering an infrastructure boom for roads and transport on the Sunshine Coast, supporting \$3 billion worth of road and transport infrastructure projects across the Sunshine Coast and surrounding areas alone over the next four years and 2700 direct jobs over the life of the program.

The Palaszczuk Government is building better infrastructure, supporting good jobs and getting people home safer and sooner to spend more time enjoying Queensland's great lifestyle. When driving from Brisbane to the Sunshine Coast, it is hard to miss all of the roadworks currently underway. Right now, work is progressing on the \$662 million upgrade between Caboolture and Beerburrum where the Palaszczuk Government is six-laning the highway and building ten bigger, better bridges.

The interchange at Deception Bay Road is getting a \$163 million revamp to ease congestion and cater for the unprecedented growth in Queensland, thanks to our strong health response. Likewise, both the Mons and Maroochydore Road interchanges are currently in construction. Just recently, the relocated Exit 200 opened to traffic, which was a major milestone for the \$301 million upgrade, and we will see another milestone later this week when traffic drives over a new, four-lane bridge over the highway for the very first time.

This is what this government does—we build. The Palaszczuk Government has allocated \$1.75 million to undertake planning for the future duplication of a key link on the Sunshine Motorway. This includes planning to duplicate the motorway from Pacific Paradise to Coolum, an approximate 10-kilometre section of the motorway north of Pacific Paradise, between David Low Way to north of Yandina–Coolum Road interchange. Planning also includes provisions for active transport, and improvements to the Yandina–Coolum Road roundabout and the School Road intersection. As part of future QTRIP development, construction funding for this project will be considered, consistent with other statewide priorities for programming.