

Question on Notice

No. 808

Asked on 17 August 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to M1 Motorway Exit 57 continuing to be a point of contention for motorists who use it and with motorists continuing to use the Oxenford Tavern as a U-turn facility, continued congestion on the eastern side of the motorway and line markings best described as confusing—

Will the Minister advise when the Minister will implement a long-term solution for this interchange and fix it properly with dedicated flyovers that allow for continuous traffic flow?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

The wayfinding strategy implemented at the Exit 57 interchange was designed to allow motorists to manoeuvre through the interchange, and its associated intersections, safely and more efficiently. The overhead signage, on-road directional lane markings and guide signs, were designed to deal with the complexity associated with the closely spaced intersections and to notify drivers in advance to avoid unsafe or lane changing manoeuvres. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has continued to monitor the operation of the Exit 57 interchange since completion of the project in 2020.

A U-Turn facility was provided on Tamborine-Oxenford Road Deviation as part of the Oxenford Interchange (Exit 57) upgrade project. This facility provides motorists, including those travelling north on the Old Pacific Highway, with the safest option to access the interchange. The design and location of the U-Turn facility allows for sufficient sight distance of oncoming traffic and provides a safe gap for motorists to undertake a U-Turn manoeuvre, including single unit trucks.

The Coomera Connector project is predicted to reduce traffic pressures at the Exit 57 interchange by providing an alternate route for traffic generated from the Coomera and Upper Coomera areas wishing to access key destinations such as Southport, Surfers Paradise, and Broadbeach.

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 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, \$4.806 billion is committed across TMR's South Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 4030 direct jobs over the life of the program.