

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 995**

**Asked on 12 October 2022**

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

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the 2019–20 QTRIP, Investment ID No. 1213025 that had \$6.7m allocated for the construction of Stage 6 of the Maroochydore to Mooloolaba Cycleway, along with the Minister promising the community that he was committed to deliver stage 6—

Will the Minister advise (a) why there are only funds of \$1.5m in the current QTRIP to design the cycleway and (b) confirm when the funds to construct the cycleway will be returned to QTRIP?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

A total of \$6.7 million was previously allocated for planning, detailed design, and construction of Stage 6 of the Mooloolaba to Maroochydore cycleway project—the 1.2km section from Mary Street, Alexandra Headland to Sixth Avenue, Maroochydore.

During 2020 and 2021, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) received feedback, including from the Member for Maroochydore, that the previous designs for Stage 6 of the cycleway did not align with stakeholder and community sentiment for the iconic stretch of coastline. TMR responded by withdrawing the design and working closely with the local community to develop revised concepts.

In August 2022, TMR released the preferred planning layout aligning to community expectations and will progress the detailed design for Stage 6 of the cycleway in the coming months.

A total of \$1.5 million remains committed to complete planning and design for this much-needed Sunshine Coast active transport improvement by the Palaszczuk Government. The funding set aside for the construction element was reallocated in 2020 to other Sunshine Coast region active transport projects.

As part of the detailed design phase, TMR will develop a revised cost estimate based on the new revised design which will form the basis for a capital funding submission.

I look forward to the construction of this Sunshine Coast active transport project which is part of the Palaszczuk Government's well-known commitment to active transport across Queensland where we have committed \$268.5 million over the QTRIP forward estimates.