

Question on Notice

No. 1144

Asked on 14 September 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to important proposed safety upgrades at Michigan Drive and Tamborine Oxenford Roads and Tamborine Oxenford Road being a major arterial link that is regularly used by heavy vehicles—

Will the Minister advise residents (a) if sound barriers are to be installed and (b) what noise amelioration treatments will be undertaken to limit noise from vehicles accelerating up the incline away from the traffic signals?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its eighth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2023–24 to 2026–27*, which outlines \$32.1 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, \$5.504 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) South Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 4130 direct jobs over the life of the program.

TMR will soon start construction to signalise the intersection of Tamborine–Oxenford Road and Michigan Drive, at Oxenford.

As per the *Transport Noise Management Code of Practice, Volume 1: Road traffic noise, section 4.12*, a road traffic noise assessment may be triggered for projects involving either:

- construction of a new road or
- substantial upgrading of existing road project.

I am advised the minor safety improvement works proposed for the Tamborine-Oxenford Road and Michigan Drive intersection will not cause any significant changes to the noise environment and, therefore, will not require a noise assessment or noise amelioration works.

During construction at the intersection, TMR and the construction contractor will monitor all aspects of works, including noise levels, for the safety of residents and road users.