

Question on Notice

No. 1184

Asked on 10 October 2023

DR C ROWAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Warrego Highway (Ipswich - Toowoomba) and Mount Crosby Road interchange upgrade project—

Will the Minister advise (a) the implications of this project on the status of the preserved Moggill Pocket Arterial Road Corridor and (b) timeframes for community consultation and potential project development of the Moggill Pocket Arterial Road Corridor?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Moggill 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, \$4.565 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Metropolitan Region, estimated to support an average of 3500 direct jobs over the life of the program.

- (a) The preserved Moggill Pocket Arterial Road (MPAR) corridor continues to be protected by TMR. The Warrego Highway (Ipswich–Toowoomba) and Mount Crosby Road interchange upgrade project is currently in detailed design, and the new proposed interchange is compatible with the preserved MPAR.
- (b) As the corridor is already preserved to accommodate future transport infrastructure, there are no plans to undertake community consultation at present. Future funding for the construction of the MPAR Corridor will be considered in response to increased traffic demands and against competing state-wide priorities.