Question on Notice

No. 1215

Asked on 11 October 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Kenmore Bypass Planning Study—

Will the Minister advise whether the Queensland Government has (a) assessed the affordability and priority of the Kenmore Bypass project, (b) conducted environmental impact assessments, (c) made a determination and/or allocated funding to build the Kenmore Bypass and (d) determined a timeline for updated community consultation?

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' Metropolitan Region, estimated to support an average of 3500 direct jobs over the life of the program.

(a)   The *2009 West Brisbane Transport Network strategy* identified the Kenmore Bypass was not required, until far beyond 2026, under the land use projections in the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005–26*. In 2010, it was estimated a four-lane Kenmore Bypass of approximately three kilometres would cost $950 million. An updated estimate to account for inflation has not been developed.

(b)   An Environmental Assessment Report was completed in 2009. Due to continual legislative changes, this report would need to be updated as and when the project progresses.

(c)   Funding for the construction of the proposed road connection is dependent upon competing priorities across state, and in response to increasing future traffic demands on the existing state-controlled road network.

(d)   When planning for the Kenmore Bypass progresses, a timeline for community consultation will be determined.