

Question on Notice

No. 1324

Asked on 25 October 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the \$50,000 budget commitment in 2021 for planning of overtaking lanes on Tin Can Bay Road and ministerial advice in September 2021—

Will the Minister advise if planning has been completed and when it will be released for community consultation?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gympie 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, \$1.231 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) Wide Bay Burnett District, estimated to support an average of 1070 direct jobs over the life of the program.

TMR investigations into options for overtaking lanes on Tin Can Bay Road are ongoing. These investigations include targeted, technical consultation with local government and public utility providers, assessments of road corridor width, existing access provision for adjacent properties and potential alternative access options to accommodate new overtaking lanes, as well as desktop reviews of potential environmental, cultural heritage and topographical constraints.

Once these preliminary investigations are complete and constraints are known, TMR will consult potentially impacted landowners, followed by the broader community and local residents for feedback on proposals. The funding required for construction will be considered during future program reviews and against competing state-wide priorities.