

Question on Notice

No. 310

Asked on 29 March 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Coomera Connector—

Will the Minister ensure the continuance of the pedestrian pathway between Warrego Way and Westpark Ct upon completion of the project?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

Residents and elected representatives were informed in January 2023 that the Warrego Way pedestrian rail underpass was to be permanently closed early in 2023. Once the Coomera Connector has been built, the width of this infrastructure, plus the existing dual track Gold Coast Rail Line, would mean that the existing 22-metre underpass would have to be extended to become a tunnel around 105-metres long.

In conjunction with the Gold Coast City Council, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is planning for alternative pedestrian access in this area. This will include a new connection from Condamine Crescent to Monterey Keys Drive, connecting to the four-metre-wide, 16-kilometre-long, active transport path that is being constructed as part of the Coomera Connector Stage 1. In the meantime, safe access is provided for pedestrians between Warrego Way and Westpark Court via the current path on Helensvale Road.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26*, which outlines \$29.7 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, \$5.194 billion is committed across TMR's South Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 4300 direct jobs over the life of the program.