

Question on Notice

No. 783

Asked on 14 June 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Maroochydore-Noosa Road Route Strategy and Link Plan and the outcomes identified by the community consultation process in October-November 2022—

Will the Minister advise (a) when the department will release the findings of the route assessment of Maroochydore-Noosa Road, (b) when the Link Plan for the Maroochydore-Noosa Road will be released and (c) when funding will be allocated to action the outcomes for improvement, including the long overdue pedestrian access and safety on David Low Way, in Bli Bli?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ninderry the question.

- (a) Investigations for the Maroochydore-Noosa Road Route Strategy are expected to be completed in late 2023. The route assessment is not intended as a public document.
- (b) Investigations for the Maroochydore–Noosa Road Link Plan are also underway and are expected to be completed in late 2023. The link plan is not intended as a public document.
- (c) A total of \$1.6 million has been allocated to plan for the future upgrade of the Bli Bli bridge. Active transport facilities are a key consideration. The approach to the bridge from the Sunshine Castle is included in the study area.

Funding to progress any further upgrades on Maroochydore–Noosa Road will be subject to future funding availability in consideration of statewide priorities.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its eighth 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, \$3.147 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' North Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 2460 direct jobs over the life of the program.