

Question on Notice

No. 82

Asked on 23 February 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the media release and announcement by the Minister for Transport and Main Roads, on 7 December 2022, 'Another M1 upgrade complete' regarding the completion of Exit 45—

Will the Minister advise, of the \$20m Pacific Motorway (M1) Ormeau Interchange safety upgrade funding which was funded 50:50 between the Australian and the Queensland Governments, how much has been expended in the financial years from 2020–21 to 2022–23 (reported separately, in table format)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Coomera for the question.

The below table details the funding expended for Ormeau Interchange (Exit 45) southbound off-ramp safety improvement project across the 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial years and the forecast spending for the 2022/23 financial year.

Financial Year	Amount Spent
2020/21	\$1,319,000
2021/22	\$4,725,000
2022/23 (forecast spend)	\$8,307,000

This project was completed in December 2022. The new off-ramp has additional lanes and capacity, including a left-turn slip lane to assist motorists turning onto Lahrs Road northbound. This marks the completion of the first of three northern Gold Coast M1 interchange upgrades.

Motorists heading to the eastern end of Eggersdorf Road and beyond no longer have to travel through the eastern interchange roundabout when exiting the motorway. Traffic signals have been installed at the off-ramp intersection with Lahrs Road and Zupp Drive, as well as additional roundabout metering signals on the eastern roundabout. The increased capacity and new traffic signals have significantly reduced southbound off-ramp queuing during peak periods.

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 the Department of Transport and Main Roads' South Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 4300 direct jobs over the life of the program.