

Question on Notice

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Asked on 19 March 2024

MS A CAMM ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide (a) an update on the Hamilton Plains Flood Mitigation Project including total cost budgeted and the respective State and Federal contributions to the project, (b) the timeframe of project including commencement date and (c) the projected project completion date?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Whitsunday for the question.

The Proserpine–Shute Harbour Road, Hamilton Plains, flood immunity upgrade remains a priority for the Queensland Government as part of its coordinated approach to addressing flood impacts on the road network in the Whitsunday region and reducing the impact of wet weather road closures for the community.

- (a) A total of \$21 million has been allocated to this project as part of the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program* (QTRIP) 2023–24 to 2026–27, jointly funded by the Australian Government (\$16.8 million) and Queensland Government (\$4.2 million).
- (b) The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has confirmed detailed design was completed in late 2022 and the project is currently in the procurement phase. However, progression of the project to tender award and construction is subject to further consideration and negotiation with the Australian Government.
- (c) TMR is continuing to work closely with the Australian Government on the outcomes of its Independent Strategic Review into its Infrastructure Investment Program, to understand the impacts and implications for Queensland projects. In the interim, TMR is continuing with preconstruction activities for the Hamilton Plains flood immunity upgrade, including property acquisition and surveying works.

The Miles Government is delivering its eighth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in QTRIP 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, \$769 million is committed across TMR's Mackay/Whitsunday District, estimated to support an average of 700 direct jobs over the life of the program.