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Upgrades needed - fast

State member says safety is issue

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"The bus stops will also be relocated closer to the intersections to improve pedestrian safety. There is currently no funding allocated to complete further planning or construction."

State LNP MP for Pumicestone Simone Wilson said the proposed upgrades to Bribie Island Rd were long overdue.

"Most people would be happy to see the upgrade from two to four lanes along Ningi Township and this is certainly something that locals have consistently raised with me," she said.

"We have all seen kids darting across this dangerous road as there are insufficient areas to cross safely on this stretch. Something needs to be done and fast.

"It is not good enough for the government to rely on 10-year-old design layouts when considering the significant growth in the area and traffic volumes we are now seeing along Bribie Island Rd."

In a letter from March 2018 the Premier and Minister for Trade Anastasia Palaszczuk said \$3 million had

been allocated for planning between Saint Rd and Hickey Rd, but Ms Wilson said that was cut back to \$2 million in the 2018/19 State Budget.

Construction on the Old Toorbul Point Rd intersection is expected to start in the 2020-21 financial year with \$10.4 million allocated, but the design relies on the outcome of the Saints and Hickey roads planning.

"The road will remain open during construction and traffic control and changed traffic conditions will be in place to ensure the safety of motorists and road workers," the spokeswoman said.

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