



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3147-19 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Colin Boyce MP, Member for Callide on 11 June 2019 about sealing and widening of Gladstone–Monto Road, between Nagoorin and Ubobo.

In 2018, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) completed a \$700,000 project to widen a one-kilometre section of the Gladstone–Monto Road. This widening took place within the 4.5-kilometre section of single-lane bitumen surface mentioned in the petition, between Nagoorin and Ubobo.

I acknowledge Gladstone-Monto Road connects Boyne Valley agricultural and tourism traffic between the Burnett Highway (Monto) and Dawson Highway (Calliope). Over the past two years, the Palaszczuk Government has delivered more than \$2 million in upgrades and maintenance on Gladstone–Monto Road, including the above-mentioned \$700,000 widening project and:

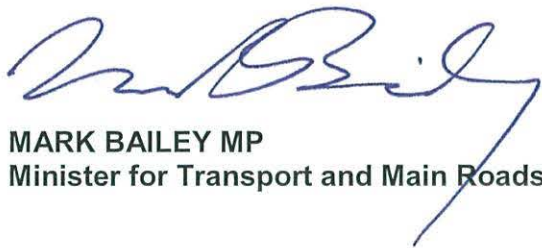
- an amount of \$1.1 million on reconstruction of the Dawes Range on Gladstone–Monto Road, south of Many Peaks, funded through the natural disaster relief and recovery arrangements
- structure maintenance at Marble and Decalgil Creek
- routine maintenance grading in December 2018/January 2019, ahead of the 2019 school year
- vegetation clearing at structures and floodways completed in May 2019
- installation of additional guideposts and delineation on approaches to narrow bridges and floodways, completed in May 2019
- grading and resheeting of gravel sections of Gladstone–Monto Road, completed in June 2019.

TMR will continue to undertake regular inspections to ensure the road remains in a safe condition and undertake maintenance repairs as a priority, in coordination with the local maintenance contractor.

While there is no funding identified in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2019–20 to 2022–23* for further widening or bitumen surfacing, TMR will continue to identify funding opportunities to undertake further upgrade works on the Gladstone–Monto Road in consultation with Gladstone Regional Council.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads