

## Minister for Transport and Main Roads Minister for Digital Services

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 4082-24 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 20 August 2024 about upgrades to Frasers Bridge underpass and pedestrian infrastructure.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is committed to enhancing safety for all road users, particularly in areas frequented by school children and other vulnerable pedestrians.

I can advise the Frasers Bridge pedestrian underpass is not a state-controlled road and falls under the jurisdiction of Brisbane City Council (BCC). However, TMR will work with Oakleigh State School and BCC to lodge a Walking Local Government Grants funding application for improvements to the Frasers Bridge underpass and Dorrington Park pedestrian infrastructure. The Walking Local Government Grants program (the Program) has been developed to assist local government to prepare walking network plans and deliver walking infrastructure. Applications for the 2025–2026 Program opened on 8 July 2024 and will close on 30 September 2024. Further information about the Program is available on TMR's website at https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/travel-and-transport/pedestrians-and-walking/walking-local-government-grants.

With regard to pedestrian safety at Oakleigh State School, TMR has advised a Safe School Travel (SafeST) meeting was held on 11 July 2024 with representatives from Oakleigh State School, the Parents and Citizens Association, Queensland Police Service, BCC, representatives from the electoral offices of Ferny Grove and Cooper, and TMR representatives.

TMR has agreed to fund an emergent high risk supervised crossing through the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme at the intersection of Frasers Road and Tay Street, with the location to be confirmed by BCC.

Please note the additional crossing will not affect the recently announced approval of a new school crossing on Victoria Street, which will proceed once BCC has assessed its infrastructure requirements.

It is anticipated the installation of this crossing will reduce the impact on the intersection of Frasers Road and Stewart Road. Once the crossing is operational, a further SafeST meeting will be organised to review the impact and determine if any further discussions on the intersection of Frasers Road and Stewart Road are required.

The Miles Government is delivering its ninth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2024*–25 to 2027–28, which outlines \$37.4 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 28,000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$4.724 billion is committed across TMR's Metropolitan Region, estimated to support an average of 3490 direct jobs over the life of the program.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**BART MELLISH MP** 

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