

Question on Notice

No. 256

Asked on 23 March 2021

MRS D FRECKLINGTON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Main Road Number 486, the Kilkivan-Tansey Road—

Will the Minister advise (a) when funding will be provided to widen the dangerous single-lane sections to two lanes, (b) why recent works to the Coppermine Creek Bridge did not widen the bridge to two lanes, (c) the cost of the recent Coppermine Creek Bridge remediation works, (d) in comparison, what did modelling show as the cost to widen this bridge to two lanes and (e) given planning for the Wide Bay Creek bridge is listed in Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP), when will funding be made available to upgrade this bridge?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Nanango for the question.

I can confirm there are no plans in place to widen the single lane sections of Kilkivan–Tansey Road to two lanes. Any future planning would need to compete against statewide priorities.

Works to rehabilitate Coppermine Creek Bridge were completed in December 2020. The \$1.4 million maintenance project was funded under the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) Structures Rehabilitation Program and, therefore, involved rehabilitating the structure at its existing width. There is no cost estimate available for works to widen the Coppermine Creek Bridge.

The \$250,000 allocated in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2020–21 to 2023–24* is to undertake planning for Wide Bay Creek Bridge on Kilkivan–Tansey Road. It is anticipated that this planning work will be completed in 2022. Funding for detailed design and construction of the bridge would need to be considered against competing statewide priorities.

I note that under the previous Newman LNP Government, in which the Member was variously the Assistant Minister for Finance and the Assistant Minister to the Premier, \$1.6 billion was cut from roads and transport funding across Queensland, including \$60 million from road safety funding. If it had not been cut, that funding could have assisted in progressing these works.

The QTRIP 2020–21 to 2023–24 represents a record investment in road and transport infrastructure for the fifth year in a row, with \$26.9 billion in works committed over the next four years, supporting an average of approximately 23,600 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$1.74 billion is committed across TMR's Wide Bay Burnett District, which is estimated to support an average of 1550 direct jobs over the life of the program.

With the pandemic impacting Queensland businesses and communities, significant road upgrades will be delivered to help stimulate the economy as part of *Unite and Recover: Queensland's Economic Recovery Plan*. These upgrades provide immediate economic record benefits, support more jobs and deliver ongoing benefits of vital infrastructure for years to come.

The QTRIP 2020–21 to 2023–24 includes continued delivery of the \$12.6 billion, 15-year jointly funded program to upgrade the Bruce Highway, the continued delivery of more than \$3.4 billion in upgrades on the M1 Pacific Motorway, the commencement of the \$1.53 billion Coomera Connector (Stage 1) project between Nerang and Coomera, over \$1 billion for dedicated and targeted initiatives to bolster the Queensland Government’s commitment to road safety, the \$709.9 million Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3 project, and a \$1 billion new pipeline of rail projects that includes making trains again in Queensland.