



Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3451-21, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 9 March 2021 about the on-ramp upgrade project and impacts to cycling on Old Cleveland Road.

Work is currently underway on the \$5 million Old Cleveland Road and Gateway on-ramp upgrade. This project will reduce congestion and improve road safety by reducing queue lengths on Old Cleveland Road and the westbound off-ramp at Mount Petrie Road during morning peak periods.

As part of the upgrade, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is constructing a new on-road bicycle lane from the Old Cleveland Road off-ramp across the Mount Petrie Road intersection and the Gateway Motorway southbound on-ramp intersection. These works include appropriate pavement marking and road signage at potential conflict points with vehicles and will replace the short existing shared path at the Mount Petrie Road intersection. These works will assist bike riders to make local connections in the area.

For those bike riders wanting to continue westbound along Old Cleveland Road in the existing shoulder, TMR is also installing bike lane line marking at the conflict point for the Old Cleveland Road off-ramp. These works include appropriate pavement marking and road signage to warn motorists of the bike lane. This line marking will complement the existing green pavement marking further along Old Cleveland Road.

The project location is on a principal cycle route, and—as per the *Cycling Infrastructure Policy* (CIP)—TMR funded projects on principal cycle routes must explicitly provide cycling infrastructure within the project's scope. The project complies with the CIP by delivering a designated bicycle lane, including pavement marking and signs, which is a form of explicit provision defined in the CIP as 'providing facilities explicitly for the use of cyclists'.

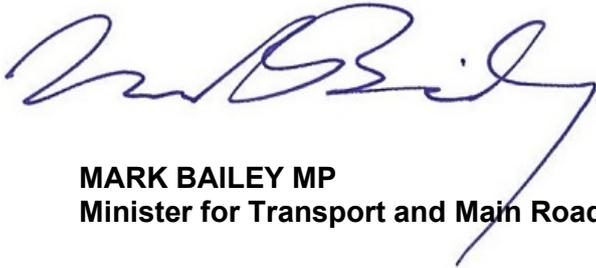
These facilities being delivered are considered fit for purpose in line with the CIP, which states 'fit for purpose cycling facilities are cycling facilities designed to attract more people to ride while achieving a value for money outcome'. Provision of cycling facilities are site specific and need to consider:

- project size
- local traffic conditions
- adjacent land uses
- types of road users.

The Palaszczuk Government wants to see more people leave their cars at home and take up cycling as an active, safe and healthy form of transport, and is committed to making walking or riding a bike an easy, convenient and enjoyable way to travel, wherever you live in Queensland. TMR is aware of concerns about bike rider safety along this section of Old Cleveland Road and is continuing to engage with relevant stakeholders while further potential safety improvements are investigated.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long, sweeping underline that extends downwards and to the right.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads