

Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3402-20 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 23 February 2021 about safety concerns on Morayfield Road and the request to upgrade the road to two lanes.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) recognises the concerns about traffic volumes on Burpengary-Caboolture Road (locally known as Morayfield Road) and the feedback from the petitioners is acknowledged.

In regard to the request to upgrade the main access road to two lanes from Graham Road to the M1 entry ramp for safety and to ease congestion on Morayfield Road, TMR receives many requests for road upgrades which are prioritised across the state to ensure funding is directed to areas of greatest need. At this time, there is no funding allocated to undertake major work along Morayfield Road. Funding for planning, design and construction will be considered during future program reviews.

TMR is delivering safety improvements along Morayfield Road and Beerburrum Road between the Bruce Highway and D'Aguilar Highway overpass. Funding of \$28.8 million has been allocated under the Queensland Government's Targeted Road Safety Program, which delivers cost-effective road safety initiatives to improve the safety of the state-controlled road network.

The project will improve road safety and reduce road trauma by implementing high-benefit, cost-effective treatments at known or potential crash locations. The safety improvements being delivered include new traffic signals, modifications to existing signals, turn lane extensions or additional turning lanes, and pedestrian and bike rider facility improvements. Design and construction for these safety improvements is being completed in stages.

Construction for the safety improvement package at Morayfield Road intersection with Esme Avenue and Beerburrum Road between King Street and McKean Street intersections commenced in March 2021 and works are anticipated to be completed in late 2021, weather and construction conditions permitting.

Works on Morayfield Road between Caboolture River Road and Oaklands Drive intersections commenced in January 2020 and are anticipated to be completed by April 2021, weather and construction conditions permitting.

Works were completed in April 2019 to upgrade the Beerburrum Road intersection with Industry Drive and Old Gympie Road. Works on Morayfield Road between the Lindsay Road and Oakey Flat Road intersections were completed in October 2019.

TMR will continue to monitor Morayfield Road and undertake routine maintenance as required.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Transport and Main Roads