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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3541-21, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Michael Crandon MP, Member for Coomera on 15 June 2021 about additional bus services between Beenleigh and Ormeau railway stations, including services throughout the Jacobs Ridge and Ormeau Hills areas.

The Palaszczuk Government recognises the importance of continued investment in our public transport network to enable Queenslanders to connect to health services, education, jobs and with each other. However, as advised in response to petition 3428-20, as there is high demand for additional bus services across Queensland, it is essential to prioritise investment across the state to areas of greatest need where it will create the largest positive impact.

The continued collaboration between the Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) and the Department of Transport and Main Roads demonstrates the readiness of both levels of government to work together to improve transport options for residents in this fast-growing area. I welcome GCCC's funding commitment of \$11 million over five years for the proposed initiative and acknowledge that matched funding from the Queensland Government has been requested.

The identified levels of funding are significant and will require consideration as part of the state's future budget prioritisation processes, in the context of current budget pressures at all levels of government due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 to the right.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads