



## Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3782-22, lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Trevor Watts MP, Member for Toowoomba North on 12 October 2022 about funding through the School Transport Infrastructure Program (STIP) to upgrade the intersection of Stuart Street and North Street near Toowoomba State High School (TSHS).

The Palaszczuk Government proudly established the STIP in the 2017–18 State Budget. Through the STIP, 94 new projects across the state have already been approved to improve road safety outcomes at Queensland schools. Due to the success of the program, an additional \$40 million for STIP was approved in the 2022–23 State Budget as part of the Palaszczuk Government's more than \$1.5 billion investment in road safety initiatives, including a world-first safety initiative targeting speeding drivers in school zones and road works across Queensland.

As Stuart Street and North Street are both local government roads, any decision to upgrade the intersection is the responsibility of the Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC). Officers from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will contact TRC to discuss the safety issues at this intersection, with a view to assisting TRC to submit a possible STIP nomination in the future. The decision to submit a STIP nomination is the responsibility of TRC.

The STIP contact for schools in the Toowoomba area is Mr Paul Anoleck, Manager (Road Safety), TMR. I encourage the Member and the TSHS community to work with TRC and Mr Anoleck to progress a possible STIP nomination for TSHS. Mr Anoleck can be contacted by email at [paul.l.anoleck@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:paul.l.anoleck@tmr.qld.gov.au) or by telephone on 07 4639 0716.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Bailey".

**MARK BAILEY MP**  
**Minister for Transport and Main Roads**