

STAGE two of the Morayfield Rd upgrade is in doubt.

The first stage is due to finish this week but there is not enough funding to finish stage two.

The former Labor government committed \$153 million for the works to widen the road to four lanes from Gaffield St to the Bruce Highway.

Stage one (Gaffield St to Graham Rd) was fully funded through to the end of this financial year, with a further \$90 million scheduled for stage two (Graham Rd to Bruce Highway).

That funding has now dropped to \$6 million, with the rest of the money subject to budget availability.

Member for Morayfield Darren Grimwade said the \$6 million would make the project "shovel-ready" and he would push for the rest of the funding.

But he admitted the road was not at the top of his priority list. "They've had a fair bit of congestion there for a long time; maybe they might not want two or three more years of roadworks going on," Mr Grimwade said.

He said a high school for Burpengary, already promised by the State Government in May, or an expansion to Caboolture Hospital would be better options.

"I would say based on the feedback I get from the community those two projects would be a well and truly higher priority than the Morayfield Rd upgrade," he said.

Morayfield resident Allan Wilson was unhappy about the time taken to complete stage one and the associated traffic delays.

But he said he would like to see the second stage completed.

"It's a lower speed restriction and it can be busy," he said.

"It's not a disaster but I'd still like it to go in. If the funding has to be withdrawn I'd like to see where the funding is going to go so that it's not just going to be swallowed up in miscellaneous revenue, it's going to go to something worthwhile."

Early last year Mr Grimwade guaranteed the \$153million project, but has since clarified he was referring only to the first stage of the project.

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