



CoastConnect

Caloundra to Maroochydore Quality Bus Corridor

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The first step towards better public transport

CoastConnect is a State Government initiative to improve public transport on the Sunshine Coast.

CoastConnect will involve:

- new bus/transit lanes on main roads between Caloundra and Maroochydore
- upgrades to major bus stations and stops
- priority for buses at key intersections.

When complete, CoastConnect will offer faster, more frequent and more reliable public transport for locals and tourists. This will make it an attractive alternative to the car and help manage traffic congestion – protecting our lifestyle into the future.

Concept designs ready for your comment

We have developed initial concept designs for CoastConnect and now we want to know what you think. These designs have not been finalised and your feedback will help us get this right for the Sunshine Coast. See the back page for details on how to get involved.

Planning for the future

The Queensland Government is committed to planning for the future. CoastConnect is just one of a number of transport projects being undertaken by the Queensland Government to make it easier to move around the Sunshine Coast. For more information visit www.transport.qld.gov.au and select *Projects and initiatives*.

Subject to government approval, CoastConnect is planned to be delivered in stages over several years from 2011.

Sunshine Coast is ready to shine

The Sunshine Coast is a great place to live, work, and play. Our lifestyle is the envy of the world and we want to keep it that way. But we're growing fast. Our residential and tourist populations are expected to nearly double by 2026 and we need to take steps now to put the brakes on traffic congestion and look after our environment.

Currently, the Sunshine Coast has the lowest rate of public transport use in south east Queensland. We want to change that, and make sure the Sunshine Coast keeps its clean and green reputation. CoastConnect will improve public transport because:

- **buses will travel in their own lane** (or in a shared transit lane) on main roads between Caloundra and Maroochydore
- **major bus stops will be upgraded** and high quality bus stations will be built at key locations helping to make the system comfortable and easy to use
- **there will be less waiting time** for buses at congested intersections.



High quality bus station

Indented bus bay

Pedestrian crossing

Giving buses priority

A mix of bus lanes and transit lanes are proposed between Caloundra and Maroochydore. Tell us what you think about these options.

Nicklin Way – Buderim Street to Mooloolah River

- four general traffic lanes
- two bus/transit lanes with extra room for cyclists
- widen Ahern and Tokara Canal bridges.

Mooloolaba – Brisbane Road

- two general traffic and two transit lanes
- widen Mayes Canal and Tuckers Creek bridges
- re-instate some kerbside parking.

Mooloolaba/Alexandra Headland

– Walan Street to Pacific Terrace

- reconfigure Venning Street, Mooloolaba Esplanade and Alexandra Parade to two general traffic and two transit lanes
- option to realign a small section of Alexandra Parade to the west (at Buderim Avenue) including enhanced beachside amenity such as parklands and parking.

Maroochydore – Alexandra Parade/Pacific Terrace to Aerodrome Road onto Horton Parade

- widen roads to four general traffic lanes and two bus/transit lanes
- option to realign a small section of Alexandra Parade to the west (at Okinja Road) to slow down traffic and enhance beachside amenity such as parklands and parking.

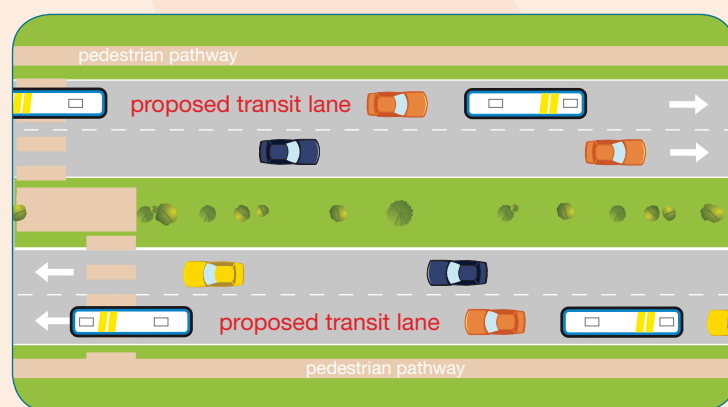
Benefits of CoastConnect:

- faster and more reliable public transport
- upgraded stops and stations for passengers
- improved pedestrian crossings at stations
- travel without a timetable
- existing network services connect with express services.

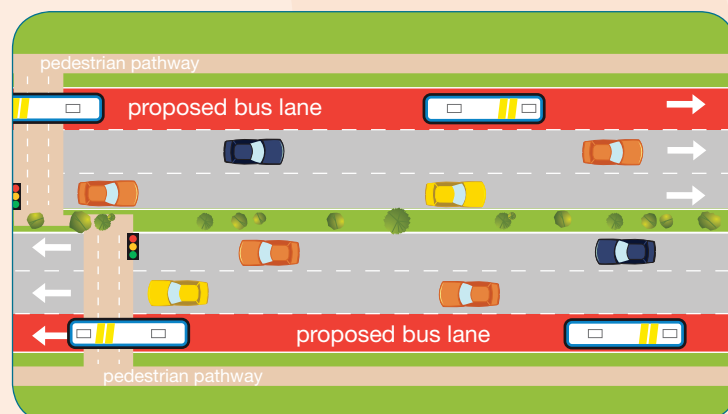
At a glance

Terms of Reference finalised	January 2008 completed
Consult on draft alignment and concept options	September/October 2008
Identify preferred alignment and concept design	Late 2008
Final Concept Design and Impact Management Plan	Early 2009
Business Case to government for consideration	Mid 2009
Start of staged construction (subject to government approval)	From 2011

How it would work

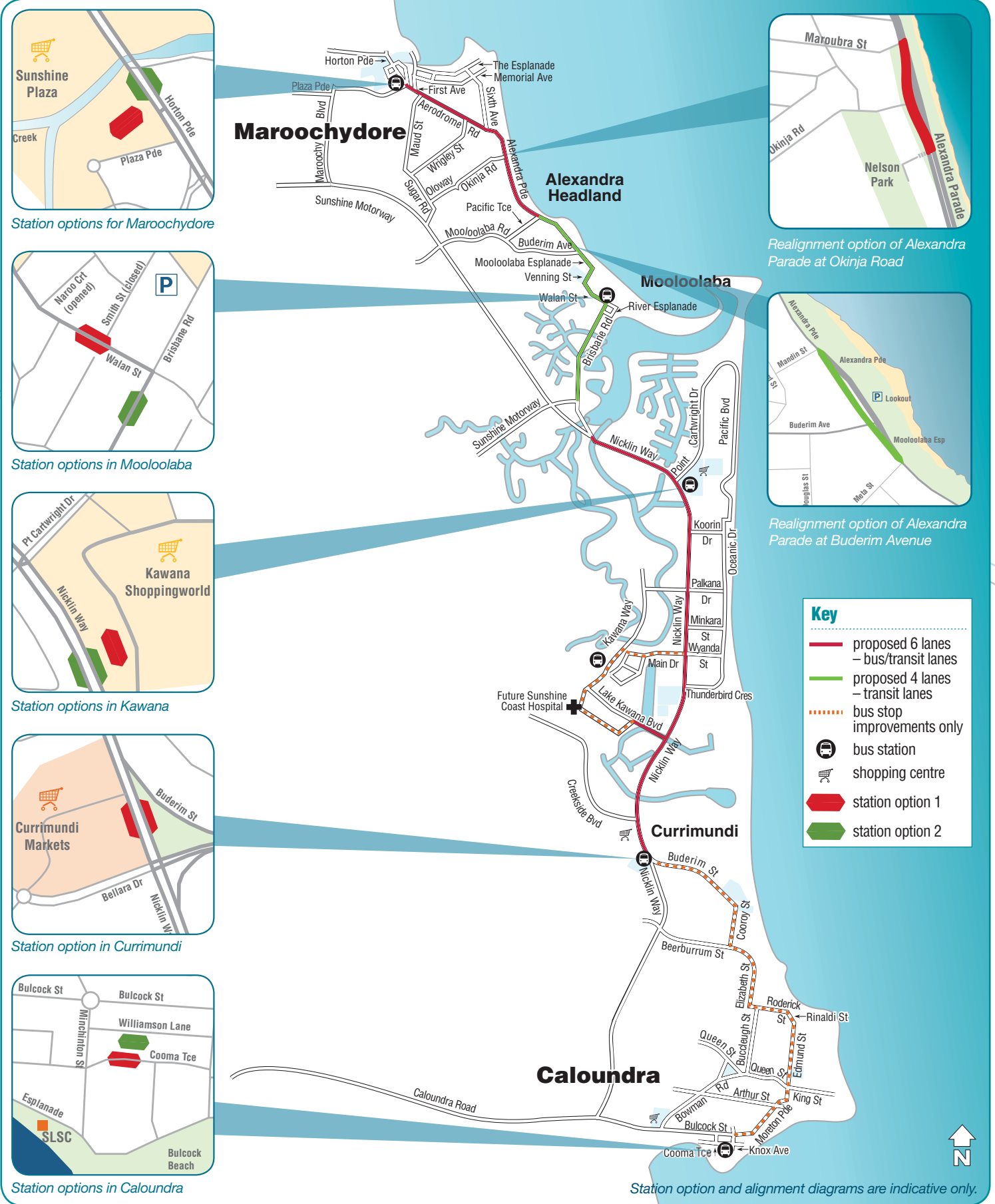


Example of four lane priority measures. See the green line on the map to the right for proposed location.



Example of six lane priority measures. See the red line on the map to the right for proposed location.

Proposed bus/transit lanes and station options



Station options in Mooloolaba

Station options in Kawana

Station option in Currimundi

Station options in Caloundra

Realignment option of Alexandra Parade at Okinja Road

Realignment option of Alexandra Parade at Buderim Avenue

Station option and alignment diagrams are indicative only.

Tell us what you think

Your feedback will help us plan the best possible public transport solution between Caloundra and Maroochydore. You can do this by:

- completing an online feedback form at www.translink.com.au/project
- phoning the project team on **1800 848 000**
- emailing the project team on coastconnect@transport.qld.gov.au
- providing feedback to team members at one of the information sessions or displays.

Concept design options will be available for public comment between **Monday 8 September and Friday 17 October 2008**.

The project team will be in contact with potentially affected property owners to get their feedback on initial concept designs.

Your comments so far

Queensland Transport is preparing a Concept Design and Impact Management Plan to investigate the benefits, impacts and staging of the CoastConnect project. Consideration of the environmental, social and economic benefits and impacts of the project is guided by a Terms of Reference.

A draft Terms of Reference was available for comment in November/December last year. The project team considered community feedback before finalising the Terms of Reference. A summary of the feedback (incorporating the responses of the project team) and the final Terms of Reference are available at www.translink.com.au/project or by calling the project team on **1800 848 000**.



Information sessions

If you would like to speak to a member of the engineering or design team, we invite you to drop into one of the following information sessions.

Location	Date	Time
Lake Kawana Community Centre Sportsmans Parade Bokarina	Thursday 11 September	5.00 – 8.00pm
Millwell Road Community Centre Millwell Road Maroochydore	Saturday 13 September	9.00am – 12.00pm
	Thursday 25 September	5.00 – 8.00pm
The Events Centre 20 Minchinton Street Caloundra	Thursday 18 September	5.00 – 8.00pm

Displays

Project material can be reviewed at Caloundra, Kawana and Maroochydore libraries throughout the consultation period. Members of the project team will be on hand to answer questions on the following days:

Location	Date	Time
Caloundra Library Omrah Avenue, Caloundra	Tuesday 9 September	10.00am – 12.00pm
Kawana Library Nanyima Street, Buddina	Tuesday 16 September	10.00am – 12.00pm
Maroochydore Library 44 Sixth Avenue, Cotton Tree	Tuesday 23 September	10.00am – 12.00pm

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