



CoastConnect

Caloundra to Maroochydore Quality Bus Corridor

How could CoastConnect affect car parking?

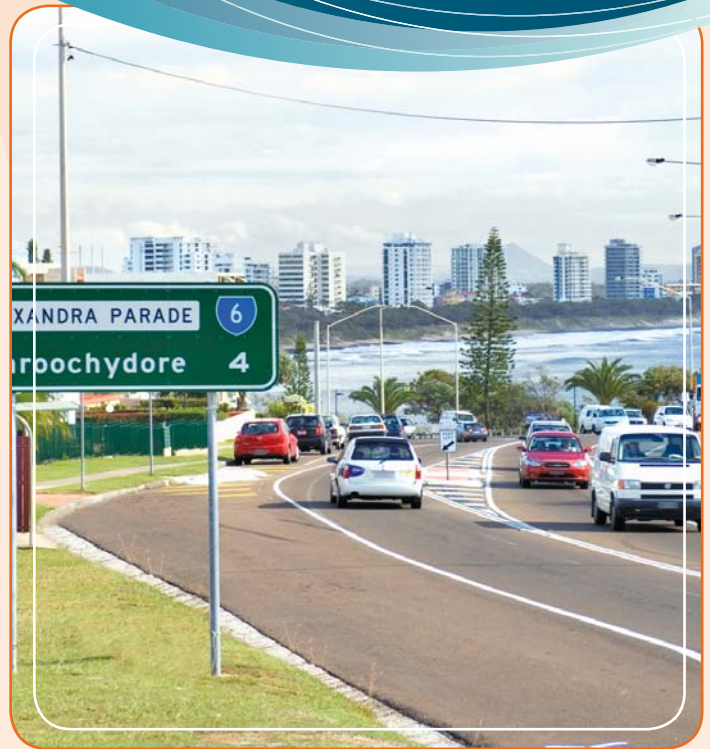
As well as the many benefits they bring, major infrastructure projects such as CoastConnect also bring with them associated potential impacts which need to be carefully considered and managed.

The project team is endeavouring to minimise potential impacts on private property as much as possible. In a number of areas, this means the project team is proposing to use existing car parking spaces for the new bus/transit lanes. Putting the bus/transit lanes in these areas currently used for parking means fewer homes and businesses need to be resumed.

The nature of potential parking changes differs from location to location. In some areas, on-street parking spaces may be reduced, while in other locations angle parking is proposed to be converted to parallel parking. In some areas, it may be possible to reposition affected parking to another location away from the proposed bus/transit lanes.

CoastConnect benefits

- radically improves public transport between Caloundra and Maroochydore
- important first step in a suite of major infrastructure projects designed to make public transport on the Sunshine Coast fast, frequent and reliable
- with CoastConnect in place, public transport will be an attractive alternative to the car and help manage traffic congestion – protecting our lifestyle into the future.



The exact detail on changes to car parking will be determined over the coming months in consultation with Sunshine Coast residents, the business community, the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, the Department of Main Roads and other State Government agencies.

We recognise that this is a sensitive issue for our community and we want to hear your views about how we can best balance the benefits and impacts.

The Sunshine Coast is growing fast and we need to take steps to make sure the region keeps moving, now and into the future.

Your feedback can make a difference. Please get in touch and tell us what you think.

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Getting the balance right

Queensland Transport recognises that the Sunshine Coast needs a balanced transport system.

This means planning for both private and public transport.

We want to improve public transport to give residents and tourists a viable alternative to the car. Moving more people more efficiently will also help ensure the Sunshine Coast keeps its clean and green reputation.

We have worked hard to ensure the draft alignments minimise impacts on existing traffic lanes as much as possible. The majority of CoastConnect bus/transit lanes will be built in addition to existing general traffic lanes.

This means in most locations there will be no reduction in general traffic lanes.

There are, however, two areas where it's necessary to convert small sections of general traffic lanes (or road-side parking spaces) to bus/transit lanes:

1. The first is along the northern section of Nicklin Way between Palkana Drive and the Mooloolah River which currently has three lanes in each direction (approximately three kilometres). CoastConnect proposes to convert the outside (kerbside) lanes to bus lanes (that is, two traffic lanes and one bus lane in each direction).
2. The second area is along the southern end of Brisbane Road between Tuckers Creek and the Mooloolah River, which currently has two lanes in each direction. CoastConnect proposes to convert the outside (kerbside) lanes to transit lanes (that is, one traffic lane and one transit lane in each direction).


Importantly, these lane conversions are due to take place after the proposed extension of the Caloundra-Mooloolaba Road is opened. This new road is currently being planned as part of the Multi-Modal Transport Corridor study. This means that by the time CoastConnect is built in these areas, the number of general traffic lanes across the Mooloolah River will have increased from four to 6-10.

Together, these projects will dramatically increase the transport capacity of the Sunshine Coast.

The Sunshine Coast is growing fast and we need to take steps to make sure the region keeps moving, now and into the future.

We're planning a balanced transport system that brings out the best in the Sunshine Coast. That's why the CoastConnect project is being planned in tandem with the Multi-Modal Transport Corridor project – to make sure we get the right mix of public and private transport for the future.

The preferred CoastConnect alignments will be determined over the coming months in consultation with Sunshine Coast residents, the business community, the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, the Department of Main Roads and other State Government agencies.



One bus lane has the potential to carry the same number of people as three general traffic lanes.