

CoastConnect Caloundra to Maroochydore

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CoastConnect — Caloundra to Maroochydore is planning for improved sustainable transport infrastructure through new bus/transit and cycle lanes, upgrading major bus stations and stops, and giving buses priority at key intersections.

Currently only 2 per cent of people on the Sunshine Coast use public transport and with traffic congestion on the increase the Sunshine Coast needs smarter and greener solutions for a sustainable future. Dedicated bus lanes are expected to save up to 15 minutes travel time (between Maroochydore and Caloundra) and take up to 40 cars off the road for every bus – freeing up valuable traffic lanes for other motorists such as couriers and taxi drivers.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has revised the initial concept designs taking into account community feedback and ongoing technical studies.

The major proposed changes are:

- limited widening of Alexandra Parade. Generally the width of the road will remain as it is, with some widening at major intersections to give buses priority at traffic lights
- limited widening along most of Aerodrome Road. Six lanes are now only proposed between Sunshine Plaza and near Third Avenue, Maroochydore. There will be some widening at major intersections to give local buses priority at traffic lights
- much fewer property and parking impacts along Alexandra Parade, Aerodrome Road and Nicklin Way
- dedicated cycle lanes along Nicklin Way between Buderim Street and the Mooloolah River, and on Brisbane Road between Amarina Avenue and Mayes Canal
- bus stop locations have been revised along the full length of the corridor.

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CoastConnect — Caloundra to Maroochydore is a component of the Integrated Sunshine Coast Transport Network that is focused on improving and integrating public transport in the region.

The benefits of an integrated transport network include:

- more transport choices
- reduced traffic congestion and travel times
- improved transport safety
- better access to more places in the region.

Following the consultation period and the review of community feedback, the Concept Design and Impact Management Plan is due to be completed by late 2009.

It will contain a more detailed analysis of the project’s anticipated benefits and potential impacts and will then be submitted to the Queensland Government to consider.

Delivery of the CoastConnect — Caloundra to Maroochydore project will be staged. Subject to government approval, the work is planned to be undertaken between 2011 and 2019.

The revised plans and the preliminary findings of the Concept Design and Impact Management Plan are available in the preview report.

You can obtain a copy and provide the project team with your feedback:

- through the project website www.transport.qld.gov.au/coastconnect
- by contacting the project team on 1800 848 000
- emailing the project team at coastconnect@transport.qld.gov.au
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Community feedback is being sought on the revised plans by **Friday 7 August 2009**.

One part of the network, the Maroochydore bus station, has been identified for potential delivery in the short term. The CoastConnect project team is working with the TransLink Transit Authority to complete the necessary design work and enable this station to be built as a priority.

Information sessions

Wednesday 1 July 2009, 5 pm–8 pm
Millwell Road Community Centre
Millwell Road, Maroochydore

Wednesday 8 July 2009, 6pm–9pm
Mooloolaba Surf Club
The Esplanade, Mooloolaba

Tuesday 14 July 2009, noon–2 pm
Saturday 18 July 2009, 9 am–noon
Sunshine Plaza
Plaza Parade, Maroochydore

Wednesday 22 July 2009, 5 pm–8 pm
Lake Kawana Community Centre
Sportsmans Parade Bokarina

Thursday 30 July 2009, 5pm–8pm
The Events Centre
20 Minchinton Street, Caloundra

Unstaffed displays

(29 June to 7 August 2009)

Caloundra Library
Omrah Avenue, Caloundra

Kawana Library
Nanyima Street, Buddina

Maroochydore Library
44 Sixth Avenue, Cotton Tree

Department of Transport and Main Roads Customer Service Centres

- Caloundra (54 Canberra Terrace)
- Maroochydore (Kelly Court)

Sunshine Coast Regional Council Customer Service Centres

- Caloundra (1 Omrah Avenue)
- Maroochydore (11–13 Ocean Street)

Unstaffed display

(13 July to 18 July 2009)

Sunshine Plaza
Plaza Parade, Maroochydore