

CoastConnect — Caloundra to Maroochydore

Section 6 – Alexandra Parade

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CoastConnect — Caloundra to Maroochydore is a Queensland Government initiative to improve public transport and manage the pressures of population growth on the Sunshine Coast.

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

Revised concept designs include:

- limiting car parking and property impacts with some impacts at intersections to provide bus priority

- limiting widening of Alexandra Parade – generally the width of the road remains as it is, with some widening at major intersections to give buses priority
- improving pedestrian connections near the Alex Surf Club including signalling the Mari Street intersection and providing a new crossing opposite the surf club
- investigating additional traffic calming in the form of a left in/left out island at Bukatilla Street



Artist's impression of Alexandra Parade

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- introducing additional coastal landscaping and car parking in partnership with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council
- introducing on-street bus stops to avoid environmental and property impacts
- providing more landscaping for the retail area in the Okinja Road realignment option.

Bus priority

Bus lanes are no longer proposed. Instead, we are proposing short sections of bus queue jump lanes for Alexandra Parade leading in and out of intersections at Buderim Avenue, Pacific Terrace, Okinja Road and Sixth Avenue.

Bus priority lanes will get local buses to the front of the queue and give them the first green light at major intersections. Express services between Caloundra and Maroochydore will continue to use the Sunshine Motorway.



Car parking

Replacement off-street parking is being considered at the Boolarong Crescent memorial site, Alex Surf Club car park, Okinja Road and the area south of the Sea Breeze Caravan Park.

This would be delivered in partnership with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. Depending on which option is taken forward, between 15 and 55 on-street car parks may be impacted. However, up to 109 car parks could be replaced.

De-maining

During consultation in September and October 2008, some community members requested that Alexandra Parade be 'de-mained' – that is, turned into a slow speed environment and managed by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. This has implications on the greater transport network and the ownership and management of the road. The department and Sunshine Coast Regional Council are considering this feedback in more detail.

Community feedback is being sought until **Friday 7 August 2009.**

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