

CoastConnect — Caloundra to Maroochydore

Section 7 – Maroochydore

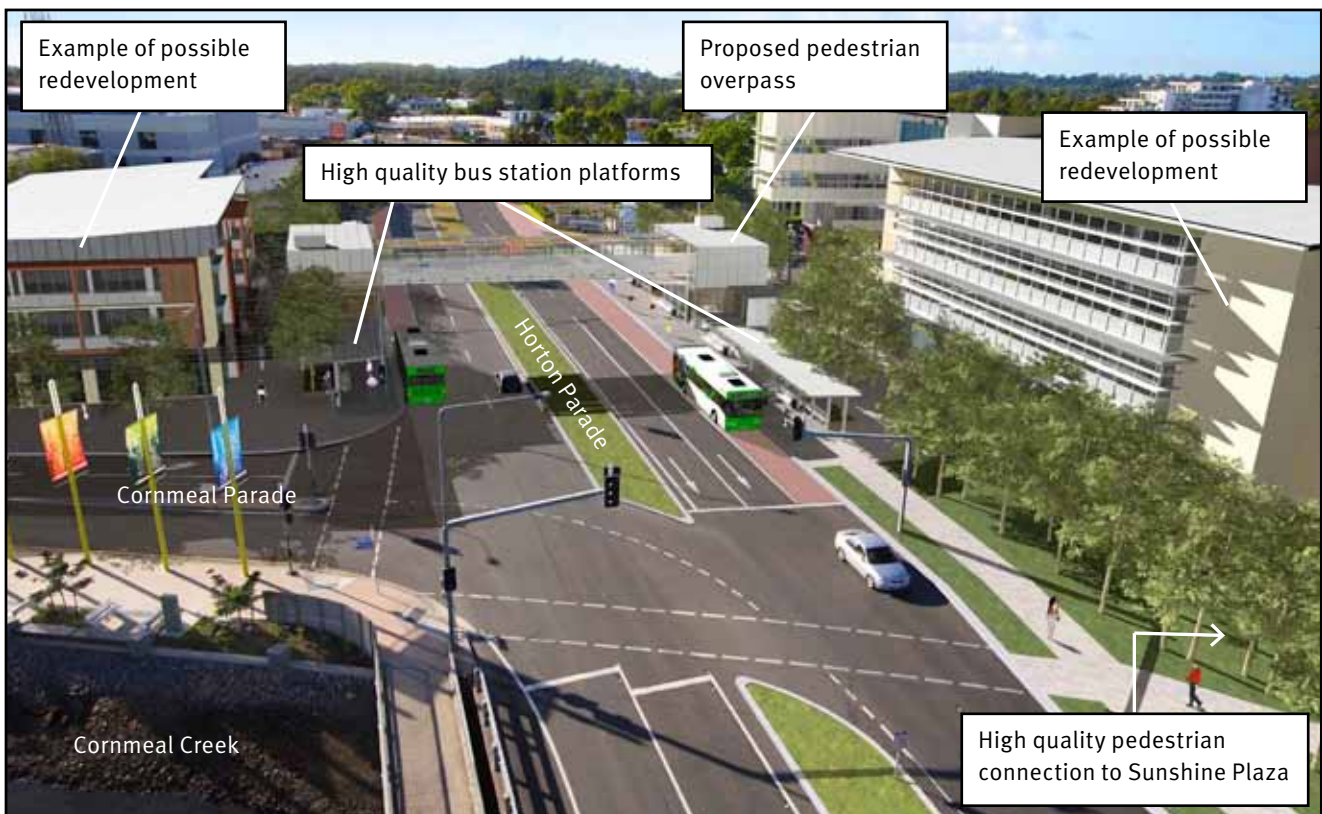
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CoastConnect – Caloundra to Maroochydore is a Queensland Government initiative to improve public transport and manage the pressures of population growth on the Sunshine Coast.

Following consultation on the initial concept designs in September and October 2008, the Department of Transport and Main Roads has revised the plans taking into account community feedback and the results of ongoing technical studies.

Revised concept designs include:

- limiting parking and property impacts along Aerodrome Road – there will be some impacts between Sunshine Plaza and Third Avenue and at Sixth Avenue where bus priority is necessary. However, as this area redevelops, the department will recommend that property progressively be set back to accommodate potential future transport needs



Artist's impression of Maroochydore bus station (looking south towards Alex Beach).

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- proposing pedestrian signals between Fifth Avenue and Wrigley Street
- proposing pedestrian signals and traffic lights to assist with the Rose Street crossing
- removing some bus indents and replacing them with on-street bus stops
- moving the alignment to minimise property impacts
- adopting a bus station on Horton Parade near Cornmeal Creek with access to both Sunshine Plaza and Ocean Street as the preferred option.



Bus lanes are now only proposed between Sunshine Plaza and around Third Avenue. South of Third Avenue, short sections of bus queue bypass lanes are proposed for either side of Sixth Avenue. This 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.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is investigating opportunities to provide between 40 and 50 replacement off-street car parks between Rose Street and Second Avenue.

Some community members requested that Aerodrome Road be 'de-mained', turned into a slow speed environment and managed by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. The department and council are considering this feedback in more detail.

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

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