

CoastConnect — Caloundra to Maroochydore

Sections 3 and 4 – Nicklin Way and Kawana Town Centre

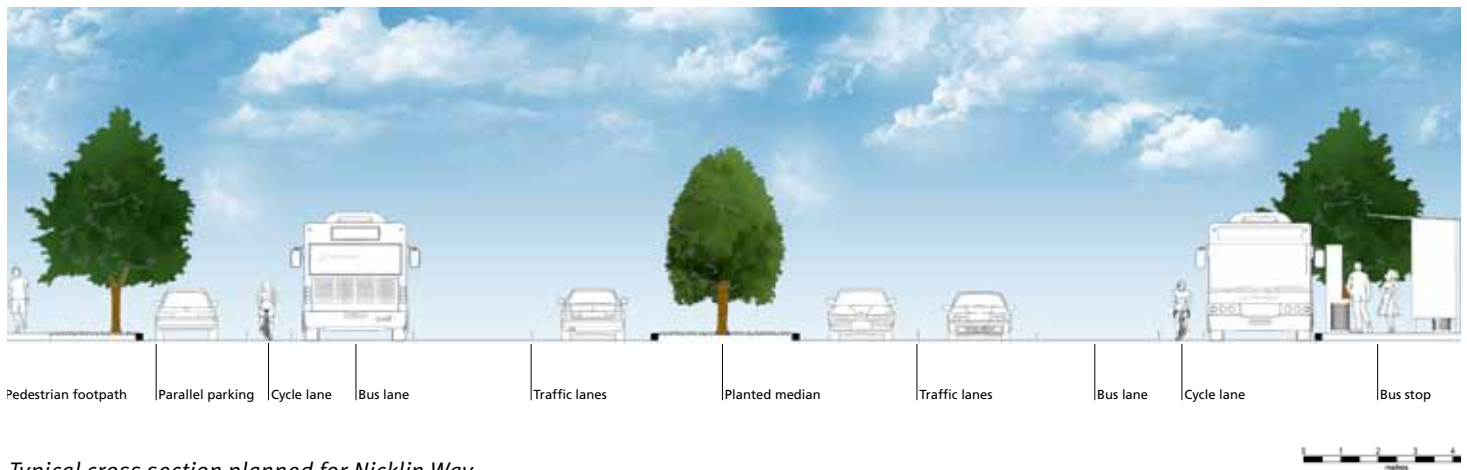
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CoastConnect — Caloundra to Maroochydore is a Queensland Government initiative to improve public transport and manage the pressures of population growth on the Sunshine Coast.

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:

- introducing dedicated 1.8 m wide cycle lanes along Nicklin Way between Buderim Street and the Mooloolah River with separate painted lanes on the outside of the proposed bus lanes
- reducing the number of on-street car park impacts compared to the original draft plans – on-street parking for business and homes has been maintained wherever possible by narrowing the median between intersections
- ensuring bus stops are safe and accessible including relocating or removing some proposed bus stops to minimise the impacts on parking and private property
- planning for a long-term pedestrian overpass across Nicklin Way at Currimundi Market Place
- adopting a bus station on Nicklin Way as the preferred option with all-weather access into Kawana Shoppingworld. This provides significant travel time savings for express buses and safer, faster bus interchanges near the shops.



Typical cross section planned for Nicklin Way.

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Bus lanes

Nicklin Way, from Buderim Street to the Mooloolah River, will have dedicated bus lanes to provide fast, frequent and reliable bus travel between Caloundra and Maroochydore. Express buses will travel via the Sunshine Motorway and continue on Nicklin Way south of Buderim Street.

For the most part, the extra lanes will be new lanes. However, existing general traffic lanes will be converted to bus lanes in the 3 km section between Palkana Drive and the Mooloolah River.

These lane conversions will only occur after the number of general traffic lanes across the Mooloolah River has increased. This is being planned as part of the Multi-Modal Transport Corridor Study.



Proposed bus station on Nicklin Way connecting to Kawana Shoppingworld.

Cycling

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has worked with local cycle groups to refine the plans to include dedicated cycle lanes along Nicklin Way between Buderim Street and the Mooloolah River.

Cycle lanes are also proposed for Lake Kawana Boulevard between Nicklin Way and Central Boulevard to improve access to the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital and the Kawana Town Centre.

Car parking

There are approximately 1385 on-street car parks in this section. Under the revised concept designs, approximately 595 car parks may be impacted, compared to approximately 1060 car parks being potentially impacted under the original draft plans. Parking for businesses has been prioritised and preserved where possible.

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

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