

Nicklin Way and Kawana Town Centre

Sections 3 and 4



What the community told us

In general, for Nicklin Way and Kawana Town Centre the community supported:

- providing dedicated cycle lanes along Nicklin Way
- ensuring safe pedestrian access – particularly at Currimundi Markets
- locating bus stops in a way that minimises local impacts
- minimising the loss of on-street parking
- good integration with the proposed rail station near the future Sunshine Coast University Hospital
- while feedback on a station preference was minimal, the preferred site was station option 1 located inside the Kawana Shoppingworld site.

Changes made

In the revised plans, the Department of Transport and Main Roads has:

- planned for dedicated 1.8 m wide cycle lanes along Nicklin Way between Buderim Street and the Mooloolah River. They are proposed to be separate painted lanes on the outside of the proposed bus lanes
- reduced the number of on-street car park impacts, compared to the original draft plans. On-street parking for businesses and homes has been maintained wherever possible by narrowing the median between intersections
- ensured all stops are safe and accessible. A number of stops have been relocated or removed to minimise impacts on parking and private property
- planned for a long-term pedestrian overpass of Nicklin Way at Currimundi Market Place
- adopted station option 2 with all-weather access into Kawana Shoppingworld. This provides significant travel time savings for express buses and safer, faster bus interchanges near the shops.

Local features

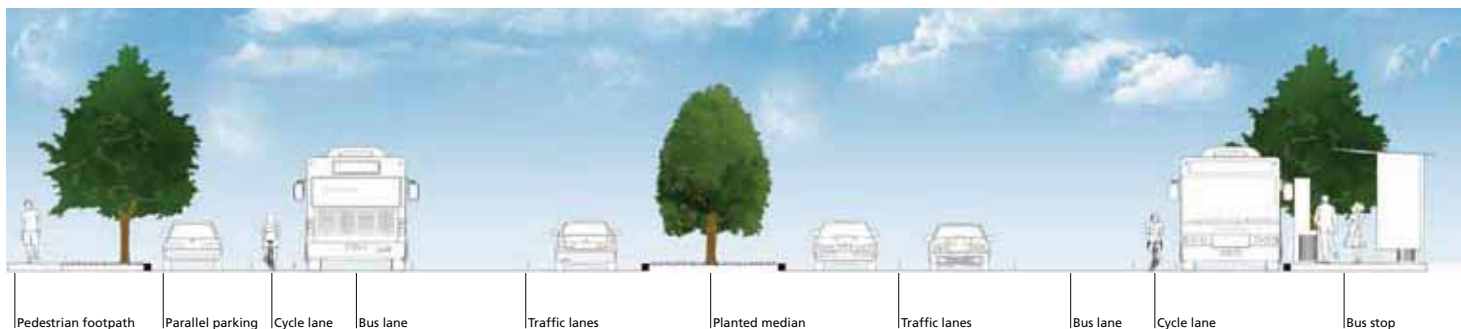
Dedicated bus lanes

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 along Nicklin Way will be new lanes along the road shoulders. However, it is necessary to convert existing general traffic lanes to bus lanes in the 3 km section between Palkana Drive and the Mooloolah River at the northern end of Nicklin Way.

Importantly, these lane conversions would only occur after the proposed extension of the Sunshine Motorway over the Mooloolah River is opened.

This new road is being planned as part of the Multi-Modal Transport Corridor Study. This means that by the time CoastConnect — Caloundra to Maroochydore is built in this area, the number of general traffic lanes across the Mooloolah River will have increased.



Nicklin Way, Typical section



Dedicated cycle lanes

The department recognises the importance of cycling as an environmentally friendly way to get around. We have 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.

Integration with future rail line and hospital

Fast and frequent services will travel via bus priority lanes on Lake Kawana Boulevard to the internal hospital roads, then connect to a fully integrated bus/rail interchange at the future Kawana rail station. The department is working on the ongoing planning for Kawana Town Centre to make sure that bus passengers have a fast and reliable trip in and out of the centre.

Parking

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