

Sugar Road and Maud Street Upgrade



Artist impression of Sugar Road upgrade that includes two-way cycle track and pedestrian pathway which follows the length of the corridor. Illustration is indicative only.

With Maroochydore continuing to grow, more workers, residents and visitors are travelling to and from the heart of the Sunshine Coast.

Sugar Road and Maud Street are key commuter routes with the number of vehicles, pedestrians and riders forecast to increase in the coming decade.

Both Sugar Road and Maud Street are heavily congested during peak hours, with motorists experiencing long traffic queues and delays. There's also a lack of safe, off-road walking and riding paths.

Improving road safety for buses and private vehicles, freight and emergency vehicles, reducing congestion and providing safer and more accessible walking and riding paths along this important transit route are top priorities for Sunshine Coast Council.

Council also wants to provide a safe and inclusive environment for walkers, riders and all mobility needs, to improve the area's connectivity and accessibility.

That's why the design includes new separated two-way cycle tracks, improved pedestrian paths, an extra two traffic lanes, intersection upgrades, landscaping, safe crossing options and street lighting.

Revamping Sugar Road and Maud Street will also create a healthier, user-friendly environment.

Plans to improve the Sugar Road and Maud Street corridor have been in place for 20 years.

Although construction isn't expected to begin before 2026, community feedback is now being sought on the project's draft concept designs.

Project scope

The planned upgrades include:

- constructing two-way cycle tracks that are separated from the road for riding bikes or scooters
- reinstating and improving pedestrian pathways
- landscaping both roads
- installing better street lighting to improve safety
- widening Sugar Road from two to four lanes between Wisers Road and Dalton Drive
- widening Maud Street from two to four lanes between Dalton Drive and Bungama Street
- upgrading key intersections
- installing pedestrian and cycle crossings

Benefits

- reduce congestion
- easier, safer and more pleasant to walk, ride or scooter down and across both roads
- improve amenity through landscaping
- improve bus reliability
- improve accessibility
- improve connectivity

Project need

- Sugar Road is one of the Sunshine Coast's busiest Council-owned roads and carries up to 25,000 vehicles a day, well over its design capacity of 15,000.
- Both roads are heavily congested during peak hours with queues regularly stretching south to Mooloolaba Road.
- Congestion impacts bus services and the movement of people and goods to local businesses along the route and travelling to destinations in the centre of Maroochydore and beyond.
- Motorists turning out of side streets also often struggle to find a space in the traffic.
- There are no dedicated riding facilities and only two signalised crossings for pedestrians and bike riders.
- Conditions will only worsen as the Sunshine Coast and Maroochydore continues to grow.

Walking and riding

Sunshine Coast Council's 'Strong Community' goal encourages a healthy and active community through planning and delivery of the transport network to support more walking and riding.

We also aim to increase riding, especially on designated routes.

The Sugar Road and Maud Street upgrade will deliver two-way cycle tracks (separated from the road), better pedestrian pathways and more crossings for walkers and riders.

Reducing congestion and improving travel times on Sugar Road and Maud Street will also make catching the bus more attractive.

Road widening

Land will be required to widen the roads to deliver this important transport infrastructure.

Council initially seeks to acquire properties by negotiation and endeavours to give impacted property owners as much notice as possible, which is why road projects are planned years in advance.

In recent years Council purchased properties on Sugar Road and Maud Street as they came to market and is now seeking to buy the remaining properties required.

All directly impacted property owners have been advised.



Maud street upgrade including additional lanes two-way cycle track and pathway. Illustration is indicative only.

Draft concept design

on-street car parking to be removed

Maud St/Bungama St Intersection upgrade with crossings for walking and riding

Maud St/Dalby St intersection upgrade with crossings for walking and riding

Separated Two-way Cycle Track on western side of Maud St

Proposed new access to City Centre with crossings for walking and riding

On-street parking to remain on eastern side of Maud Street

Intersection upgrade with crossings for walking and riding

U-turn facility

Separated Two-way Cycle Track on eastern side of Sugar Rd

On-street car parking to remain on western side of Sugar Rd

U-turn facility

Sugar Rd/Centenary Crs Intersection upgrade with crossings for walking and riding

Sugar Rd/Oloway Crs Intersection upgrade with crossings for walking and riding

This section is under investigation by the Queensland Government Department of Transport and Main Roads and Sunshine Coast Council.

Have your say - community feedback sought for concept design

Council is now seeking input from people who use Sugar Road or Maud Street, residents and workers who live or work nearby, local business owners and their customers, and the broader Sunshine Coast community.

Community ideas and input provided through this engagement will help Council finalise the concept design for the upgrades, which will be published later next year.

The community is invited to view the draft concept design and share feedback on the Sunshine Coast Council Have Your Say website for four weeks between August 18 and September 15. Simply search "Have your Say Sunshine Coast".

Community drop-in sessions

Saturday August 26, 10am-3pm

Sunshine Plaza, Maroochydore
Ground floor near Mister Minit

Thursday August 31, 3-7pm

Sunshine Plaza, Maroochydore
Ground floor near Mister Minit

Tuesday September 5, 11.30am-3:30pm

89 Sugar Road, Maroochydore

Thursday September 7, 11.30am-3.30pm

Maroochydore Library
44 Sixth Avenue, Maroochydore



Maud Street above centre median. Illustration is indicative only.

Timeline

2000	Maroochy plan 2000 classified the corridor as an arterial road and the need to provide greater future capacity identified
2014	Upgrade works listed in the Sunshine Coast Planning scheme Local Government Infrastructure Plan
2016	Council started acquiring properties on Maud Street
2018	Sugar Rd and Maud St upgrades again listed in the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme Local Government Infrastructure Plan which underwent public consultation.
2019	Council started acquiring properties on Sugar Road
Late 2022	Council approves progression of Transport Planning for Sugar Road and Maud Street
Mid 2023	Consultants appointed, and draft design progressed
August 2023	Community Feedback sought on draft Concept design
September 2023	Public consultation closes
Mid 2024	Final concept design scheduled for release
Mid 2024	Detailed design proposed to be started
2026 and beyond	Construction expected to commence from 2026. The project will be constructed in stages over several years.



Sugar Road and Oloway Crescent, new signalised intersection. Illustration is indicative only.

Keep up to date with the project

The project team will continue to keep the community informed as this vital piece of transport infrastructure is progressed.

Visit the project webpage on Council's website (search for Sugar Road and Maud Street upgrade).
haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au
or follow the QR Code below.



Alternatively contact the project team or register to receive project updates on the contact email below.

Council and Queensland Government Transport Planning

Sugar Road passes beneath the Sunshine Motorway between two nearby motorway interchanges – Maroochy Boulevard and Buderim–Mooloolaba Road.

The Queensland Government Department of Transport and Main Roads is currently planning an upgrade of the motorway between the two interchanges through the Buderim–Mooloolaba Interchange to Maroochy Boulevard (BMI2MB) project. For more information on that project visit **tmr.qld.gov.au** or use the QR Code above.



The upgrade layout of the Sugar Road and Wises Road intersection is subject to Queensland Government planning. Council and the Queensland Government are working together as planning progresses to ensure these projects are integrated and that the roads controlled by different levels of government function as 'one network'.

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