



Community update December 2023



There was lots of community interest at the Sunshine Plaza and Maroochydore Library information drop-in sessions.



The Sugar Road Maud Street interactive map shows the community the location of the transit upgrade.

Sugar Road and Maud Street Upgrade

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

Sunshine Coast Council is planning to widen and upgrade Sugar Road and Maud Street, which together function as one of the main arterial routes from the south into the centre of Maroochydore.

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

We invited our community to provide feedback on the proposed upgrade to Sugar Road and Maud Street during August and September 2023.

Thank you to everyone who provided input and ideas as part of the community consultation program.

Overall, there was strong overall support for the project, with more than 80% of online survey respondents supporting upgrading Sugar Road and Maud Street.

Following consultation, we have been reviewing ideas and input from our community and investigating changes to the concept design where feasible.

How you participated

During the four-week consultation period, Council heard from people who regularly use Sugar Road or Maud Street, residents or workers who live or work in nearby streets, local business owners and their customers, and the broader Sunshine Coast community.

Highlights from the consultation process included:

- 214 attendees across four drop-in community information sessions
- 105 feedback forms were completed at the information sessions
- 225 online feedback surveys were received via the Have Your Say webpage
- 10 feedback emails and written submissions were received
- 112 comments were placed on the feedback maps on the Have Your Say webpage
- 11 stakeholder groups were briefed via focus group meetings.

What you told us

Analysis of feedback received has identified the following key areas of interest from the community and key stakeholders:

- general acknowledgement of the current issues and strong support for the upgrade
- ensuring access for local businesses and our community
- the effect of changes on adjacent street network
- support for greening along the corridor
- support for safe, separate and attractive walking and riding paths
- effect on car parking for adjacent land uses
- optimising traffic flow
- maintaining broader transport network connections
- the potential future use of residual land.

Community feedback considered

Council is now considering community feedback and finalising the concept design for the upgrade. Key areas of focus include improving the safety and accessibility of side streets accessing on to Sugar Road or Maud Street, including considering landscaping opportunities to improve amenity, particularly for walking and riding.

We continue to work with the Queensland Government's Department of Transport and Main Roads to ensure an integrated outcome at either end of the Sugar Road and Maud Street upgrade so that the roads controlled by different levels of government function as 'one network'.

Next Steps

An updated concept design will be prepared and released to our community and key stakeholders in mid-2024. Following this, detailed design work is anticipated to start in the second half of 2024. Construction is likely to be staged over a number of years, starting from 2026.

Keep up to date with the project

The project team will continue to keep our community informed as this vital piece of transport infrastructure is progressed. Visit the project webpage on Council's website [Sugar Road and Maud Street upgrade](#).

Contact the project team or register to receive project updates by emailing SugarMaudUpgrade@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.