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Sunshine Coast Multi-Modal Transport Corridor

Fact Sheet #2

Why is the MMTC needed?

The Sunshine Coast is one of the fastest growing urban regions in Australia with predictions of a 75% growth in population in the next 20 years.

The Multi-Modal Transport Corridor (MMTC) project is needed to meet the demands of this growth, and will:

Reduce congestion

Nicklin Way

Nicklin Way currently carries 54 000 vehicles per day (vpd) south of the Mooloolah River. This is estimated to grow to 75 000 vpd by 2016 and 90 000 vpd by 2026. Without another Mooloolah River crossing, Nicklin Way would require eight, then 10 lanes respectively.

An alternative to widening Nicklin Way is the construction of the MMTC from Caloundra Road to the Sunshine Motorway. The MMTC was recognised in previous planning as an alternative north-south transport corridor. This will reduce congestion on Nicklin Way and provide opportunity for development of sustainable solutions such as active transport (trains, buses, cycling, walking).

Kawana Way

Without the MMTC, traffic growth in Kawana between Creekside and Bundilla will require duplication of Kawana Way before 2016.

Give rapid access to Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH)

The planned SCUH relies on the MMTC for rapid limited stop access to the hospital. The MMTC permits development of high capacity public transport servicing the hospital and Kawana Town Centre.

Create capacity for the development of public transport

CoastConnect

The CoastConnect bus priority strategy on Nicklin Way relies on reduced congestion for allocation of dedicated bus lanes. The MMTC will provide this capacity.



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Development of a high capacity public transport (heavy rail) connection between Maroochydore and Caloundra is planned within the MMTC corridor. An effective train service requires connection to other transport modes.

Enable future development of sustainable transport systems

Sustainable transport is part of MMTC planning. Community ideas for active and sustainable transport solutions will be considered in the MMTC planning.



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