

# Mooloolaba to Maroochydore (M2M) cycleway

## Stage 6 –Mary Street at Alexandra Headland to Sixth Avenue at Maroochydore

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What are the key features of Stage 6 and what does it involve?

The preferred option developed for Stage 6 involves:

- constructing a three-metre-wide, two-way dedicated cycleway to provide appropriate separation between bike riders, pedestrians and vehicles.
- relocating the existing parallel parking between Sixth Avenue and Okinja Road to accommodate the new cycleway and an upgraded share path between Parker Street and Okinja Road.
- establishing two new off-street car park facilities (near Seabreeze Caravan Park and Okinja Road) to provide around 105 car parks.
- improving safety at the Sixth Avenue intersection by raising the pedestrian and bike crossing and installing a new signalised pedestrian crossing on the left-turn slip lane.
- installing new signalised pedestrian and bike crossing points at Maroubra Street to provide a future connection to M2M Stage 7, which will link to the Maroochydore Central Business District.
- installing media fencing in high risk areas along Aerodrome Road/ Alexandra Parade.
- providing a new mid-block signalised pedestrian crossing between Okinja Road and Mari Street.
- relocating the existing Okinja Road bus stop to the south of the intersection.
- closing the car park exit at the Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club and relocating the bus stop to an 'in-lane' bus stop.
- providing a dedicated left-turn lane into the Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club car park.
- landscaping and shade trees along the cycleway and new car parks.
- resurfacing the northbound lane of Alexandra Parade as part of TMR's maintenance program.

#### When will Stage 6 be constructed?

Construction is anticipated to begin in mid-2021.

#### Are car spaces being removed?

The preferred Stage 6 option may relocate up to 91 existing car parks along the Alexandra Headland foreshore area, which includes 79 parallel parks between Sixth Avenue and Mary Street at Maroochydore, and 12 angle parks near the Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club at Alexandra Headland.

This parking impact of 91 spaces can be mitigated by providing approximately 111 new car park spaces in the corridor resulting in a possible net gain of 20 car parking spaces as well as 8 additional motorcycle parking bays. Short-term pick-up and drop-off bays are also being considered by the Sunshine Coast Council (SCC) to increase the efficiency of the car parking in the area.

One new car park is proposed to be built near the Seabreeze Caravan Park with approximately 27 car park spaces. Another new car park is proposed to be built next to Okinja Road with approximately 78 car park spaces. An additional six angle car parks will be reinstalled at the northern end of the Alexandra Headlands Surf Club carpark.

#### How many signalised crossings will there be along the corridor once complete?

Feedback received during consultation in late 2019 indicated the community would like to see an increase in the number of safe crossing points along the corridor. As part of the project, an additional three signalised crossing points will be installed, totalling eight along the corridor once the upgrade has been completed.

### **Why is median fencing being installed and what will it look like?**

Median fencing is proposed to be installed as part of the project at high risk areas along Aerodrome Road and Alexandra Parade. This type of fencing will be used to guide pedestrians to a dedicated crossing point, discouraging pedestrians from making dangerous crossing movements where visibility may be limited.

The median fencing would be black welded mesh steel and 1.2 metres in height.

### **What species of trees will be planted as part of the project? Will views be impacted?**

Several species of native coastal trees, shrubs and ground covers will be planted along the cycleway and around the car parks in line with Sunshine Coast Council's 'Street Tree Masterplan'. For further information, refer to the link on Council's website. <https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Council/Planning-and-Projects/Council-Plans/Street-Tree-Master-Plan>

Trees species will be selected to minimise impact to views. Trees will also be planted in clusters to maintain view lines.

### **What colour will the cycleway be and what will it be made of?**

The cycleway surface will be asphalt which will be the same black colour as the traffic lanes on Alexandra Parade. The cycleway will be linemarked for bike riders, identifying the northbound and southbound lanes, and will be clearly marked at pedestrian crossing points to indicate priority to bike riders.

### **What are the changes at the Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club Precinct?**

Several changes will be made around the Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club precinct to accommodate the upgrade:

- providing a new left-turn lane into the car park opposite Mari Street.
- reducing the conflict between pedestrians and bike riders around the beachside frontage of the precinct. Bike riders will be required to use the new cycleway which goes around the roadside frontage of the precinct. Pedestrians will still have access to the existing footpath at the beachside frontage of the precinct.
- closing the existing car park exit opposite the Alexandra Beach Resort to accommodate the bus stop relocation.
- relocating 11 existing car spaces at the southern end of the carpark. 6 car parks will be reinstated at the northern end of the car park by removing existing planted medians and 5 will be relocated to the Okinja Road car park.
- short-term car parks are being considered to increase car park turnover and enable reliable access to the precinct by car.

### **Where is the Okinja Road bus stop being relocated to and why?**

The bus stop on Alexandra Parade near Okinja Road will be relocated approximately 40 metres south of the existing intersection.

The bus stop is being relocated to provide space for the separated cycle way to be implemented within the road reserve, reducing impact on the coastal dune.

### **Where is the Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club bus stop being relocated to and why?**

The bus stop on Alexandra Parade near the Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club is being relocated 30 metres south of the pedestrian crossing.

The bus stop is being relocated as an in-line bus stop to reduce the number of car parks impacted within the Alex Headland Surf Life Saving car park.