Sunshine Coast University Hospital access improvements

Nicklin Way upgrade between Main Drive and Waterview Street and Production Avenue extension to Kawana Way

August 2018

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has awarded a contract to SGQ Pty Ltd to improve access to the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital in Birtinya.

Nicklin Way upgrade and Production Avenue extension

The project involves upgrades to Nicklin Way between Main Drive and Waterview Street and providing a new access to Kawana Way via Production Avenue. It is being delivered under the Queensland Government's *State Infrastructure Plan* to boost the capacity of Nicklin Way and enhance traffic flow to the new hospital. Importantly, it will improve peak-hour congestion currently experienced when southbound motorists on Nicklin Way turn right into Production Avenue.

Upgrade works will involve:

- providing an additional northbound traffic lane on Nicklin Way from just south of Main Drive to Waterview Street
- improving traffic signals to allocate more green arrow time for motorists turning right from Nicklin Way into Main Drive
- upgrading the Nicklin Way intersections with Main Drive/Wyanda Drive and Waterview Street/Minkara Street to improve safety and efficiency for motorists and pedestrians
- introducing new traffic signals and pedestrian crossings at the Nicklin Way intersection with Production Avenue
- constructing a new dedicated on-road lane for northbound cyclists.

Production Avenue will also be extended to provide a new access to Kawana Way which will be left-out only. This new access will distribute traffic more evenly across the network and in turn, ease congestion at existing intersections.

Landscaping improvements will be delivered on behalf of Sunshine Coast Council as part of the project. The design layouts for the Nicklin Way upgrade and Production Avenue extension are shown overleaf.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the coming months and be complete in time for Christmas, weather permitting.

Removal of some on-street car parking

The project involves converting the existing wide shoulder used for informal on-street car parking on Nicklin Way to the additional northbound lane. While some on-street informal parking will need to be removed, the upgrade will provide indented onstreet parking where it is safe and cost-effective to do so.

Seven temporary indented car parks will be provided on Nicklin Way and five on-street car parks will be retained at the eastern end of Production Avenue, in front of retail businesses.

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The upgrade is part of the \$22 million Sunshine Coast University Hospital access improvements project. Works to upgrade four roundabouts on Kawana Way – at Jamaica Way, Kawana Island Boulevard, Premier Circuit and Metier Linkway – were completed in February 2017. In March 2017, capacity improvements at Kawana Way Link Road from Woodlands Boulevard to the Kawana Way/Creekside Boulevard intersection were also completed.

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TMR will continue to keep you informed of project activities as construction work progresses. In the meantime, for more details:

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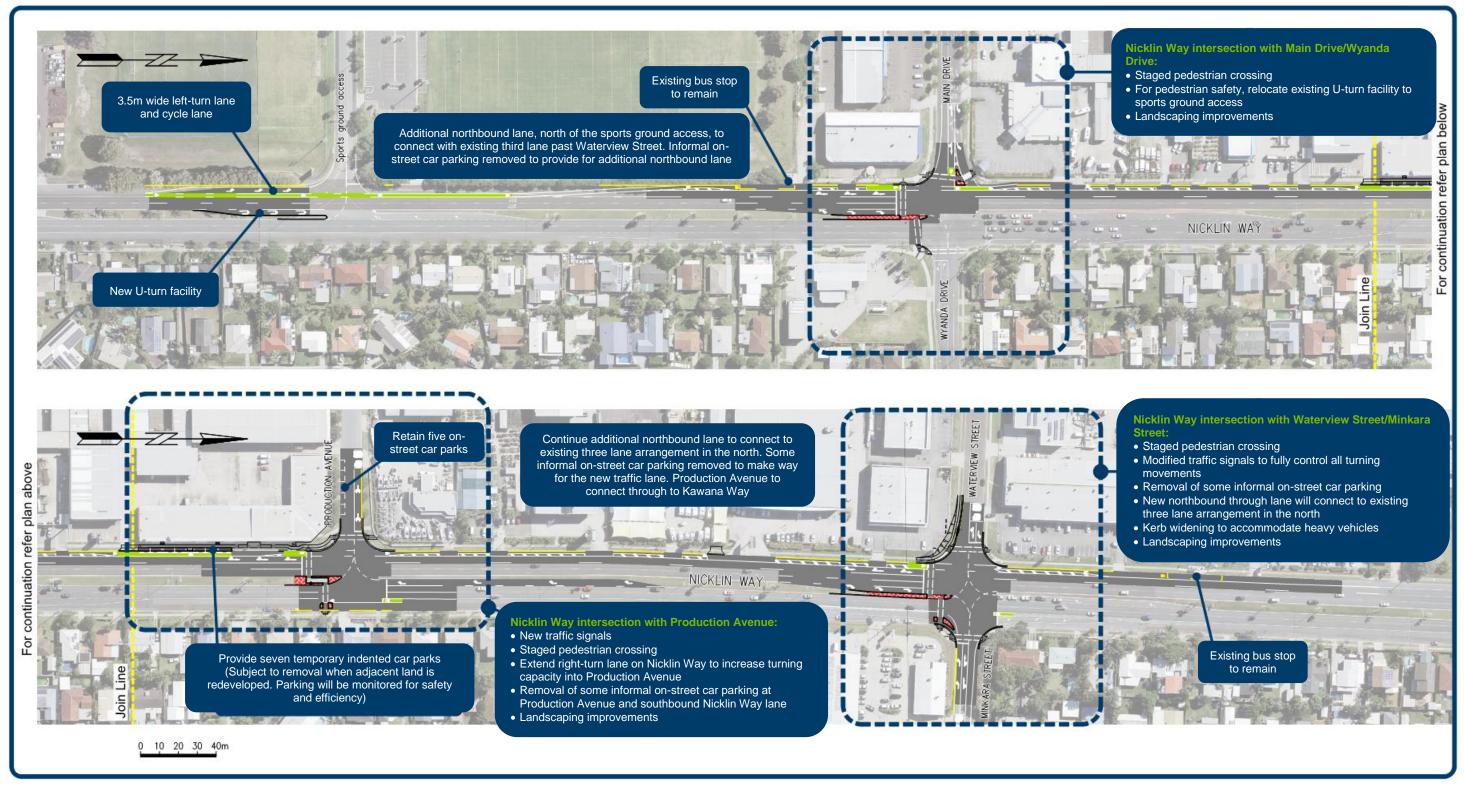
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Design layout 1: Nicklin Way upgrade between Main Drive and Waterview Street

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Design layout 2: Production Avenue extension to Kawana Way

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