

# Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade Stage 1

Project Update - May 2025



# Improving the efficiency and reliability of the North Coast Line

The North Coast Line is the main regional rail route for passengers and freight that runs the length of the Queensland coast.

The Beerburrum to Nambour (B2N) Rail Upgrade will increase the capacity and reliability of the North Coast Line, enabling more efficient travel and improved passenger and freight connections between the Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay, Brisbane and beyond.

B2N Stage 1 will duplicate the rail line between Beerburrum and Glass House Mountains on an improved alignment and duplicate the rail line between Glass House Mountains and Beerwah on the existing alignment.

Stage 1 will also deliver three new road overpasses, expand three park 'n' ride facilities, address level crossings and provide new or upgraded shared pathways for improved safety and integration with the transport network.

## Why upgrade?

### To modernise ageing infrastructure

The 39-kilometre section of track between Beerburrum and Nambour is currently operating as a single bi-directional rail line. That's a single rail line that allows trains to run in both directions.

Passing loops are available at stations only, reducing train speed and creating service delays. It also limits the length of freight trains that can use the line and restricts the ability to pass large freight trains.

### To improve rail services

This section of the North Coast Line is one of the few remaining sections of single track in Australia that carries a heavy load of passenger transport and essential freight movements. The large volume of trains competing for time and space on the track can lead to disruptions, delays and service unreliability.


### To meet future demand

The upgrade will duplicate the section of track between Beerburrum and Beerwah, including a new and improved alignment that reduces track curves and enables more efficient train travel.

Three new road overpasses will also be constructed and level crossings removed to improve safety for motorists and active transport users.

### To tie in with future planning

B2N Stage 1 is an important part of broader transport planning that better connects Sunshine Coast communities. It ties in with the Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line, a key component of The Wave and the State Government's 2032 Delivery Plan for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



The B2N Rail Upgrade project is located in a unique landscape that has significant environmental, cultural and heritage value.

The B2N project team works closely with specialist advisors and Traditional Owners to minimise and mitigate project impacts.

In February 2022, the B2N project was approved (with conditions) under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), and the team undertakes ongoing monitoring and annual compliance reporting.

## Completed works

The B2N Stage 1 project completed early works in October 2023, delivering:

- 300 additional car parks at the Landsborough station park 'n' ride
- a new bus interchange at Landsborough station
- 50 additional car parks at the Nambour station park 'n' ride
- the realignment of a one-kilometre section of Steve Irwin Way to make way for the new rail alignment.

After early works, the project moved into the design phase, which included collaborating with the contractor, Queensland Rail and other agencies to develop and refine the designs.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) also conducted ongoing stakeholder and property owner engagement, completed more than 700 geo-technical, site investigation and ground preparation activities, and progressed environmental and cultural heritage planning and approvals.



Image: Upgraded Landsborough station park 'n' ride (TMR)



Image: Upgraded Nambour station park 'n' ride (TMR)

## Site office and B2N Hub open

A site office was established on Church Street, Beerburrum in 2024, providing offices and amenities for the project team as well as storage for materials and equipment.

A project information centre called the B2N Hub will open within the site office compound in May 2025. Community members are welcome to visit between 9am and 3pm on weekdays to find out more about the project.

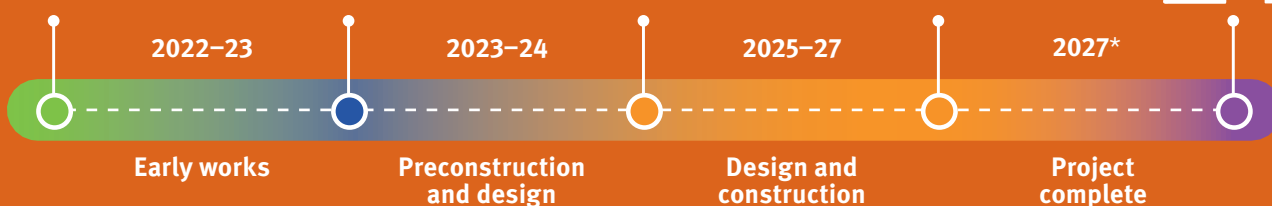


Image: Project site office at Beerburrum (TMR)

**B2N  
HUB**

## Current project status

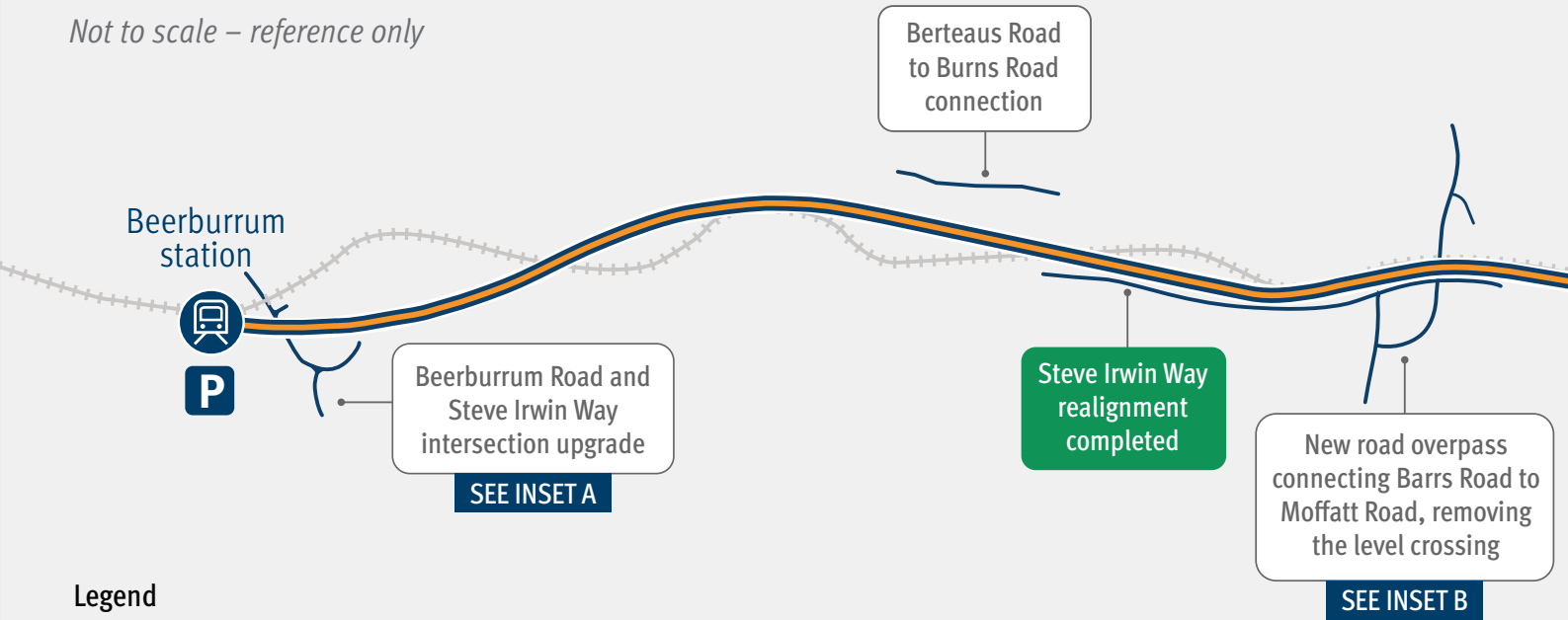
TMR has awarded the contract to design and construct B2N Stage 1 to a John Holland Queensland Seymour Whyte Joint Venture. Detailed designs are being finalised and construction is expected to start later in 2025.



\*Weather and construction conditions permitting

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Not to scale – reference only



## Legend

- New rail lines
- Existing rail line
- Park 'n' ride expansion
- Park 'n' ride expansion – completed

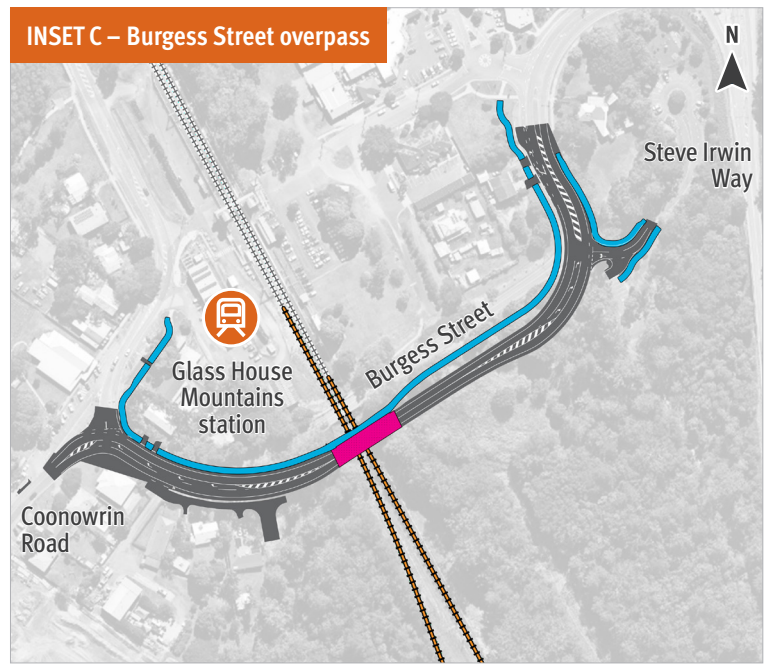
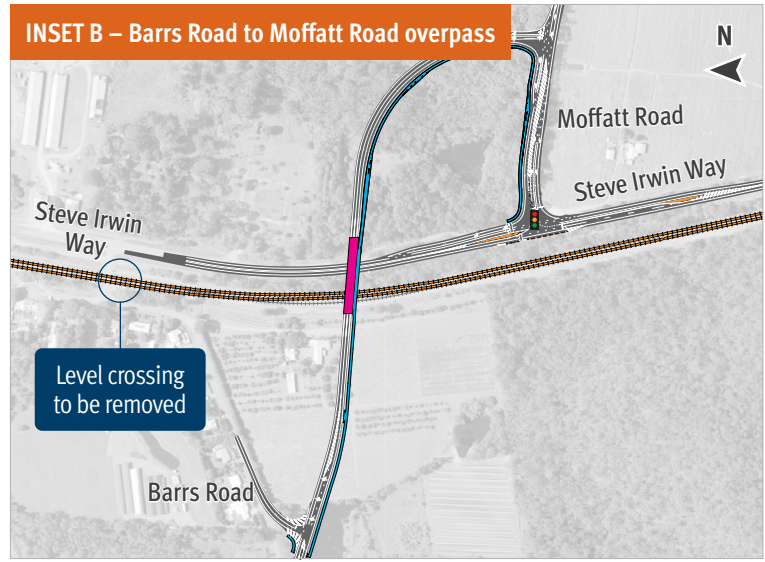
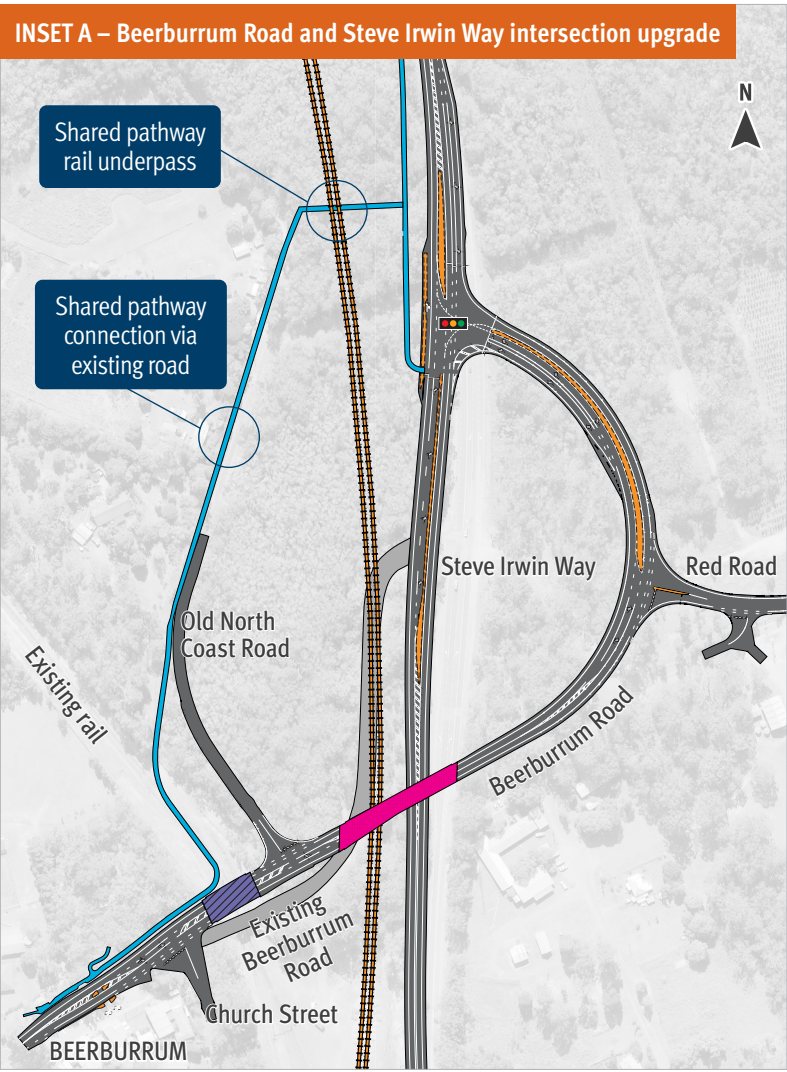
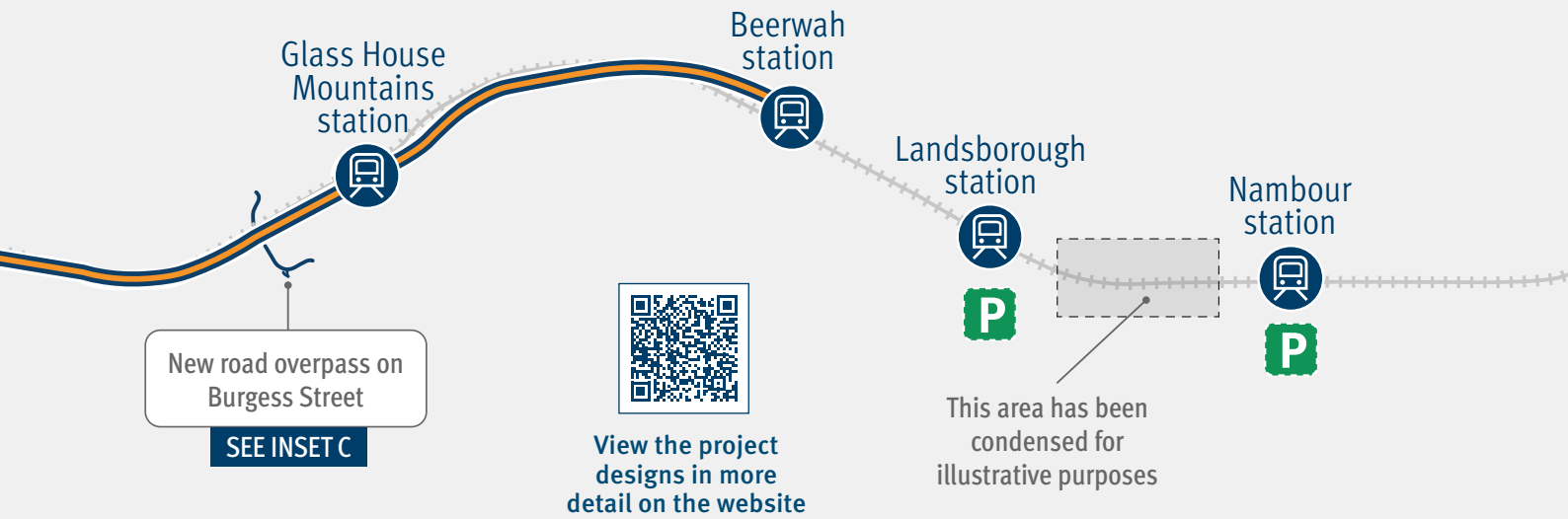
## Did you know?

TMR has partnered with the Sunshine Coast Council to restore an area of degraded bushland within the Kirbys Road Environmental Reserve under an Environmental Offset. The reserve supports populations of the endangered koala and vulnerable grey-headed flying fox.



## Project benefits

- Increased freight and passenger rail capacity
- Improved efficiency and reliability
- A more integrated transport system with upgraded facilities
- Help divert traffic off the Bruce Highway



- Legend**
- New duplicated rail line
  - Shared pathway
  - Medians
  - Bridge over existing rail
  - Bridge over new rail
  - Signalised intersection

*Preliminary designs only.*



**Legend**

- Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade (Stage 1)
- Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Duplication Study
- The Wave – Sunshine Coast Metro (indicative only)
- The Wave – Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line (indicative only)
- The Wave – Sunshine Motorway, Mooloolah River Interchange Upgrade (indicative only)



Find out more about the Southern Sunshine Coast Public Transport Strategy

Find out more about the B2N Rail Upgrade (Stage 1)

**Future stages**

Future stages of the Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade will be confirmed as part of a \$6.25 million duplication study, funded by the Australian and Queensland governments.

The study will review demand to develop a blueprint for investment in the North Coast Line beyond the completion of B2N Stage 1.

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