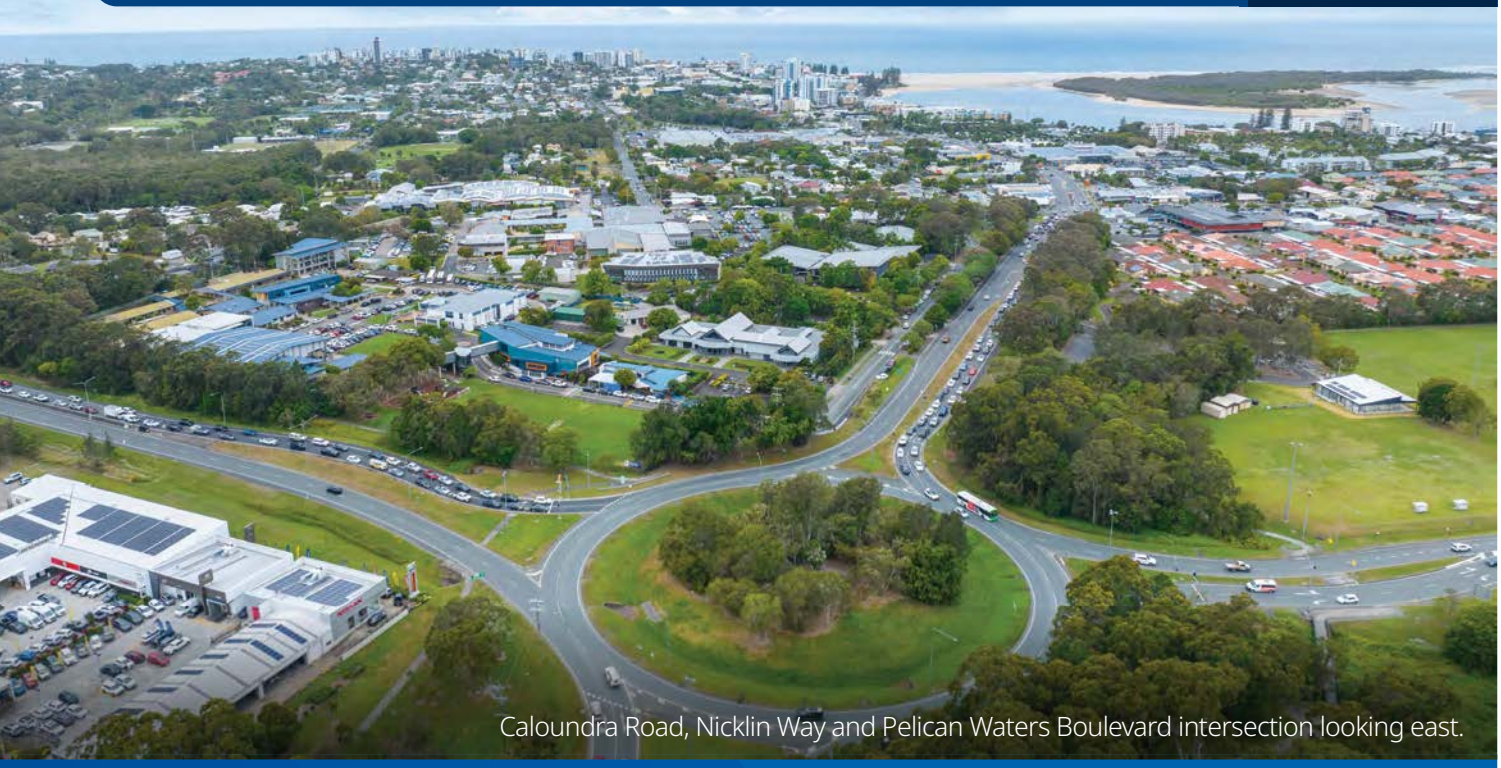


Caloundra Road, Nicklin Way and Pelican Waters Boulevard intersection looking east.

Caloundra Congestion Busting Plan

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is making significant progress on the Caloundra Congestion Busting Plan – a program of five key projects that will strengthen the resilience of Caloundra's transport network.

This delivery update showcases the latest layouts and progress across the projects as they move through planning, design and construction.

The projects

- Caloundra Road, Kawana Way Link Road and Bells Creek Arterial Road interchange
- Nicklin Way and Third Avenue extension, new intersection
- Caloundra Road, Nicklin Way and Pelican Waters Boulevard intersection upgrade
- Caloundra Road and Bellvista Boulevard intersection upgrade
- East-West Link, Aura Boulevard to Pelican Waters Boulevard, planning

Project benefits

Together, these projects support a shared vision for a safer, more connected Caloundra.

- Reduced congestion
- Improved safety
- Enhanced connectivity
- Efficient transport

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Caloundra Congestion Busting Plan update

Caloundra Road, Kawana Way Link Road and Bells Creek Arterial Road interchange

A preferred design has been developed to improve connectivity and support safer, more efficient travel between Aura, Birtinya, Caloundra and the Bruce Highway.

Key features:

- Two new north–south bridges over Caloundra Road linking Kawana Way Link Road and Bells Creek Arterial Road.
- New signalised intersections on Caloundra Road with connecting ramps to manage movements at the interchange.
- Additional through and turning lanes on Caloundra Road to increase capacity, improve traffic flow and reduce delays.
- Extension of the Pierce Avenue bridge to support future widening of Bells Creek Arterial Road.
- New walking and bike riding connections, improving access to destinations such as the Honey Farm Road Sports Precinct.

Site investigations, environmental approvals and construction planning are continuing as the design progresses towards completion.



Artist's impression of Caloundra Road, Kawana Way Link Road and Bells Creek Arterial Road interchange.

Nicklin Way and Third Avenue extension, new intersection

TMR, in partnership with Sunshine Coast Council, is delivering the Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade, providing a new connection to the Caloundra CBD.

The project has two sections:

- **Section 1** Omrah Avenue to Arthur Street – being funded and delivered by Council.
- **Section 2** Nicklin Way and Third Avenue extension – being delivered by Council with joint funding from TMR.

Section 2 includes:

- A new four-way signalised intersection connecting Nicklin Way and Third Avenue.
- An extension of Third Avenue between Arthur Street and Nicklin Way with two lanes in each direction.
- A walking and bike riding underpass at West Terrace to provide safer pedestrian and cyclist movements.
- New separated walking and bike riding paths to improve active transport access to Caloundra.
- Smart lighting featuring motion activation and dimming to improve safety and reduce energy use.

Construction started on both sections of the project in September 2026 following environmental approval. Works are expected to be completed in 2028, weather and site conditions permitting.

Caloundra Road, Nicklin Way and Pelican Waters Boulevard intersection upgrade

A draft layout has been developed to create a safer, more efficient and better connected gateway to the Caloundra CBD.

Key features:

- Transforming the existing roundabout into a signalised intersection to improve safety and traffic flow.
- Additional through and turning lanes on Caloundra Road and Pelican Waters Boulevard to reduce congestion and delays.
- New traffic signals at Industrial Avenue and new access to the future Caloundra rail station, planned in coordination with The Wave project.
- Changes to right-turn access arrangements at Industrial Avenue to improve safety and traffic flow.
- Walking and bike riding infrastructure to provide safe and accessible connections to the Caloundra CBD and future rail station.

Site investigations will continue while design work and construction planning progresses.

Caloundra Road and Bellvista Boulevard intersection upgrade

A draft layout has been developed to improve this important connection between the growing western Caloundra community, key destinations and the broader transport network.

Key features:

- Transforming the existing roundabout into a signalised intersection to improve safety and traffic flow.
- Additional through and turning lanes on Caloundra Road to reduce congestion and delays.
- Signalised left-turn slip lanes to and from Bellvista Boulevard to support safe traffic movements.
- Relocating the westbound bus stop on Caloundra Road closer to the intersection to improve access to pedestrian facilities and support safer bus operations.

Walking and bike riding improvements are also being considered as site investigations continue to support final design activities and prepare for construction.

East-West Link, Aura Boulevard to Pelican Waters Boulevard planning

Initial planning is underway to investigate a new road connection between Aura Boulevard and Pelican Waters Boulevard in Caloundra West. This future link aims to improve access between Caloundra and emerging communities, while helping to reduce congestion on existing roads.

Community information sessions

Community members are invited to speak with the project teams at:

The Wave – Project Information Centre

1/33 Bulcock Street, Caloundra

- Sunday 29 November 2026
  9am to 1pm
- Wednesday 9 December 2026
  10am to 2pm

Stockland Baringa Shopping Centre

1 Edwards Terrace, Baringa

- Tuesday 1 December 2026
  9am to 12pm

Pelican Waters Shopping Village

44 Pelican Waters Boulevard, Pelican Waters

- Thursday 3 December 2026
  9am to 12pm

Getting works underway sooner

TMR is working to start construction as soon as possible across the three Caloundra Road projects.

Early activities, including service relocations and other enabling works, are expected to start earlier and are planned to commence from mid-2027.

TMR will continue to explore opportunities to bring further construction activities forward and will keep the community informed as the projects progress.



Artist's impression of new Nicklin Way intersection at Third Avenue. Source: Sunshine Coast Council.

Contact us

Have a question or want to share you ıts?

Call: 07 5451 7055
(8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)

Email: caloundraprojects@tmr.qld.gov.au

Visit: www.tmr.qld.gov.au/projects/programs/caloundra-congestion-busting-plan

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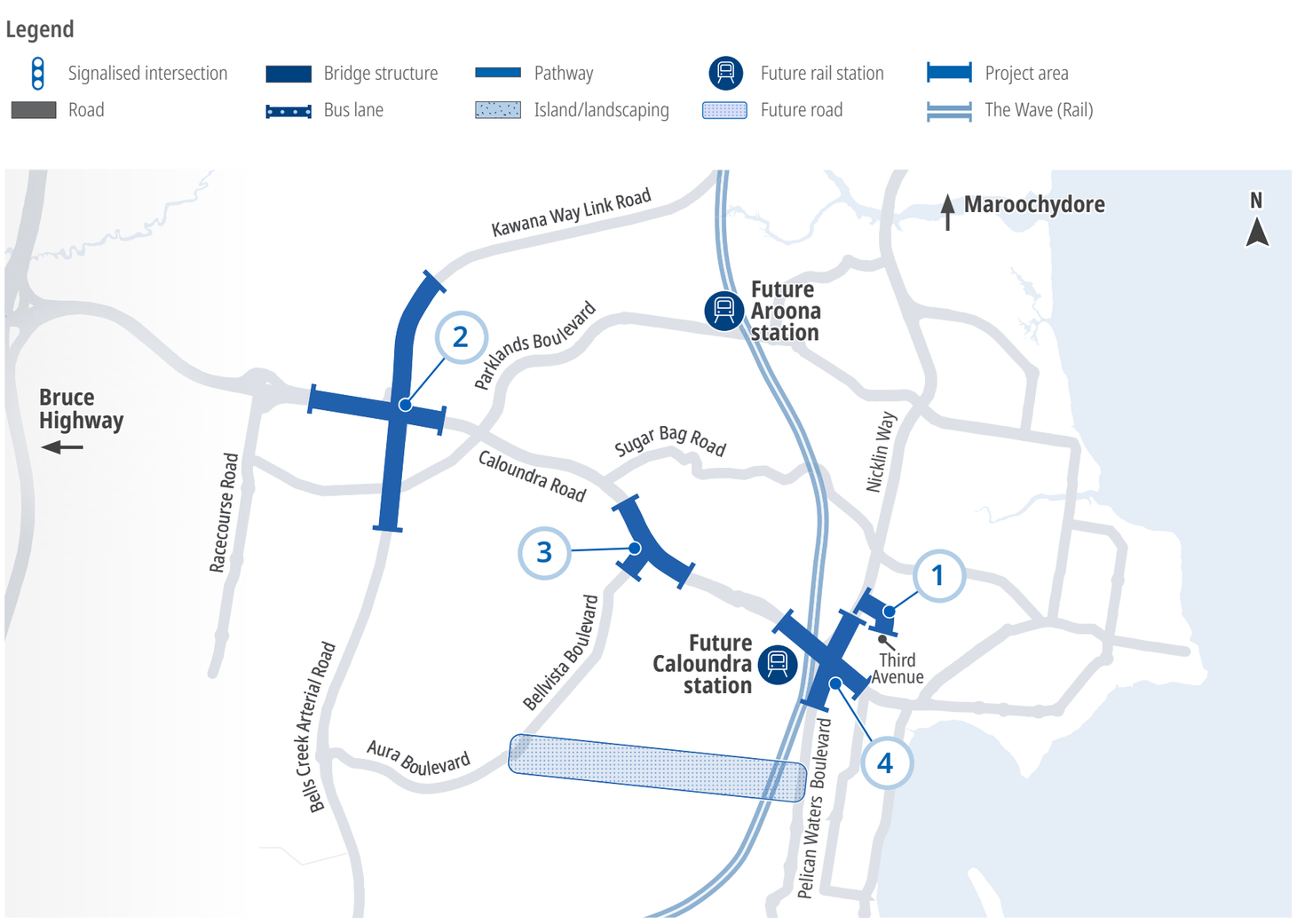
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For further information, or if you require translation or support services to access the documentation, please contact the project team on **07 5451 7055** (8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

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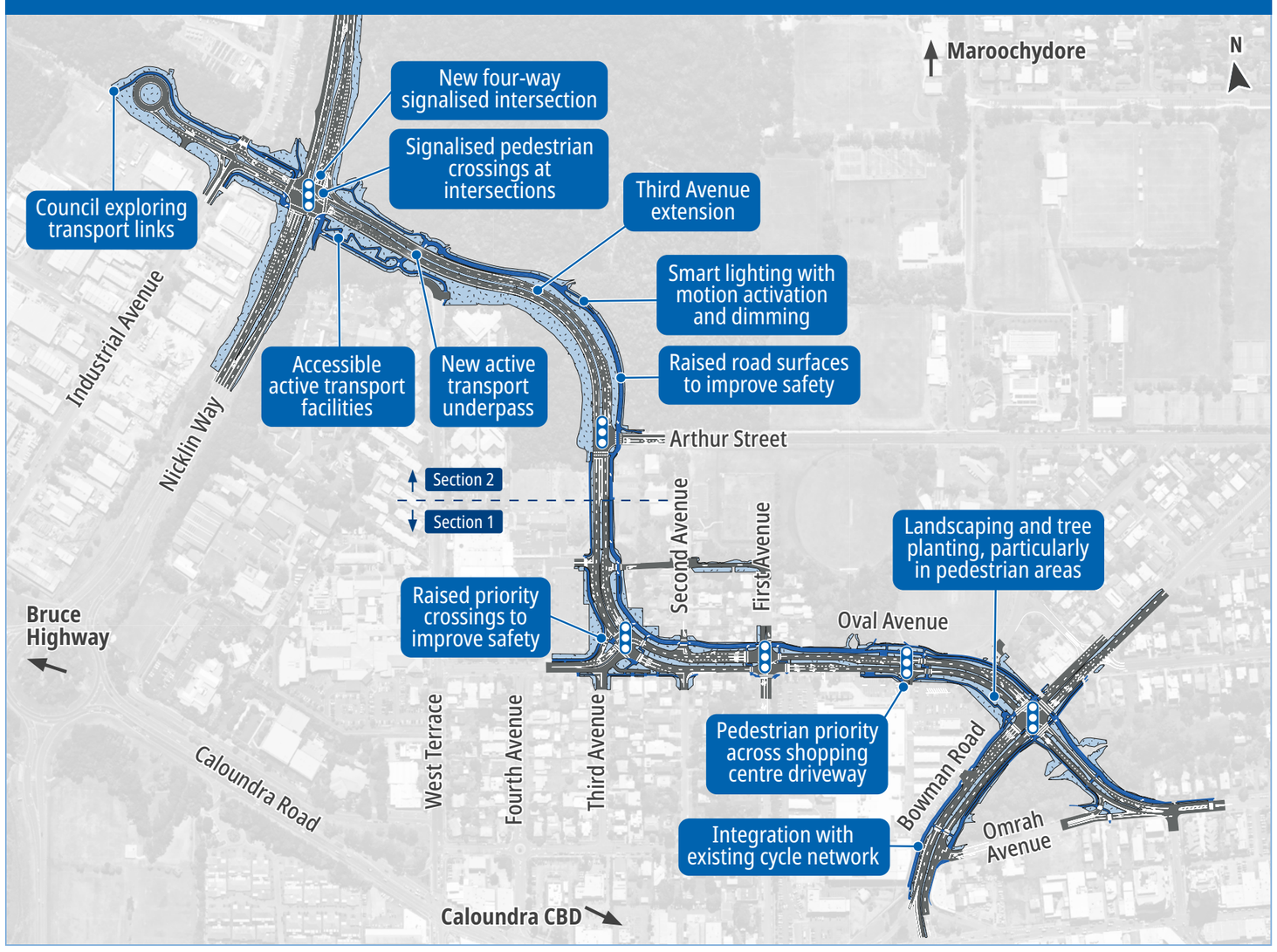
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Caloundra Congestion Busting Plan layouts



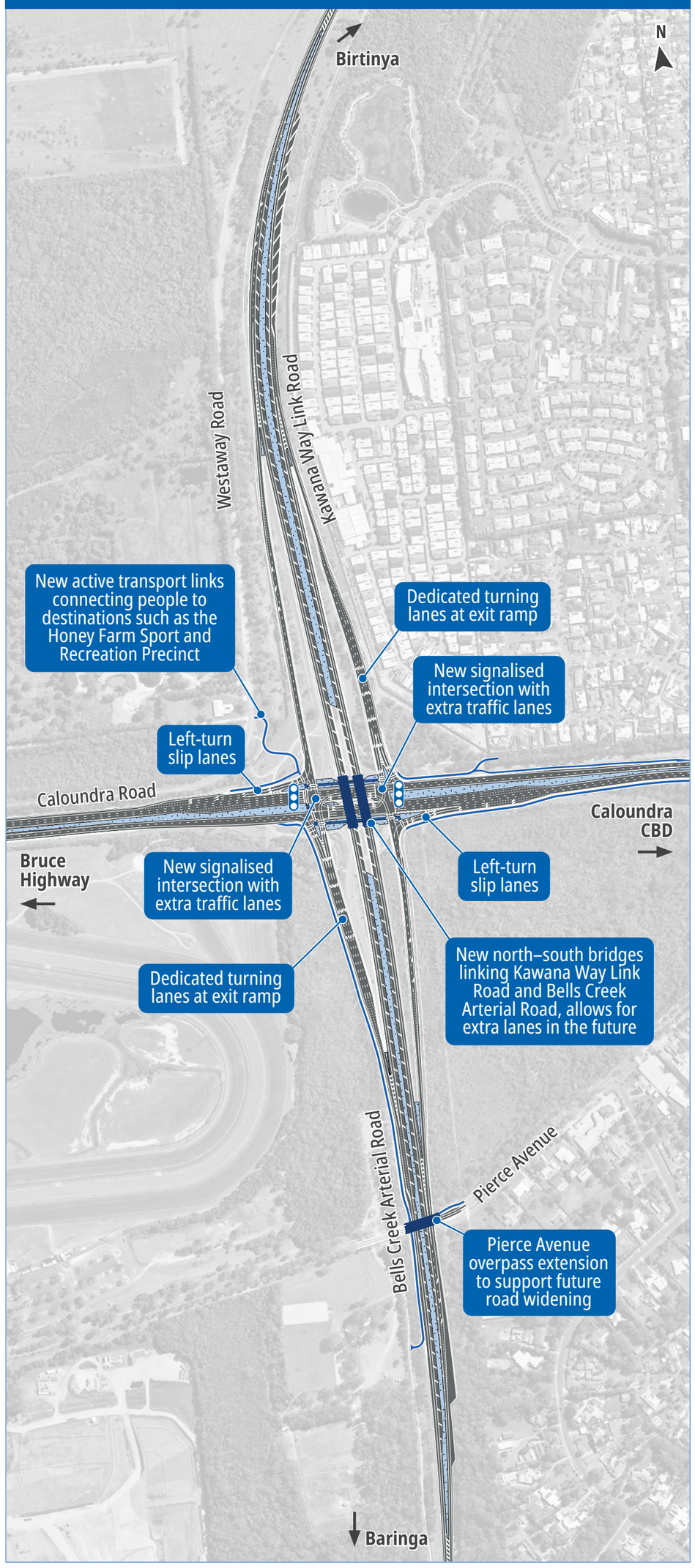
1 Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade*

FINAL DESIGN



2 Caloundra Road, Kawana Way Link Road and Bells Creek Arterial Road interchange

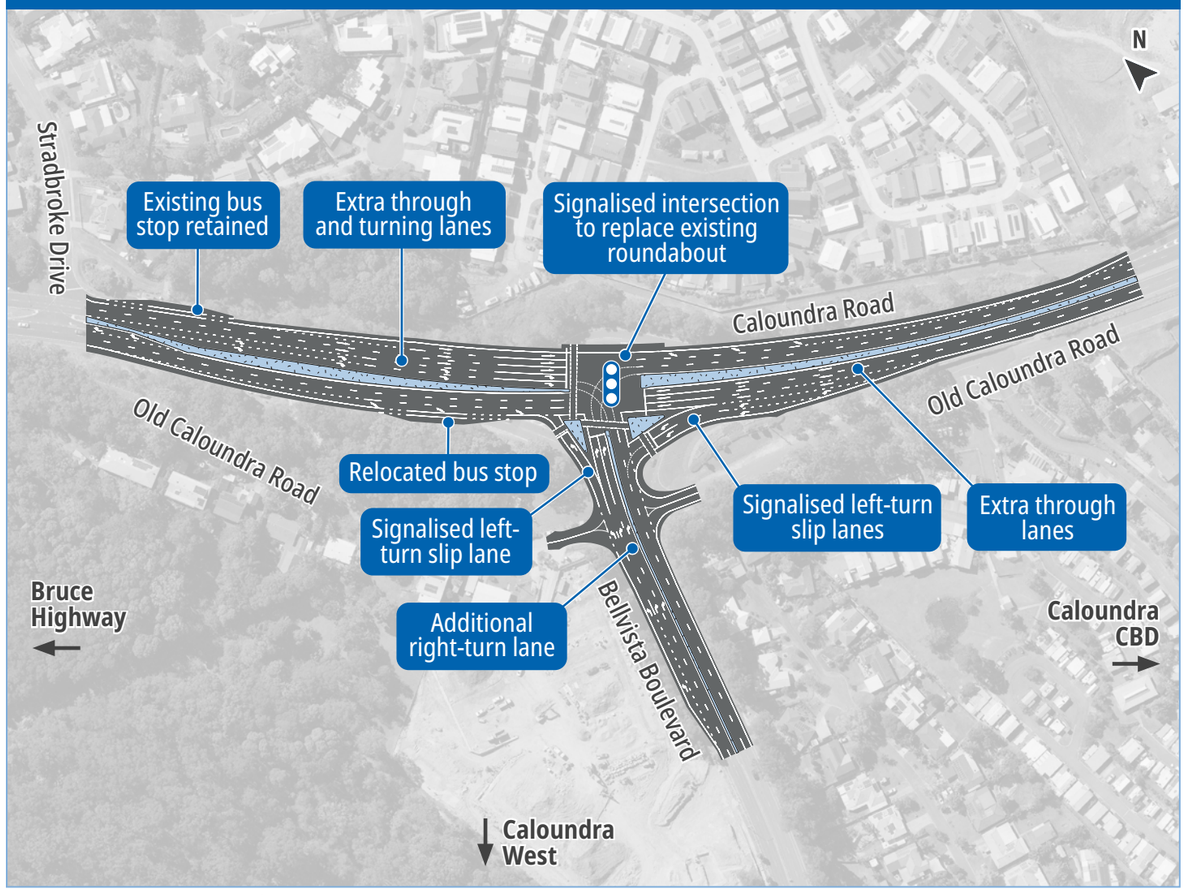
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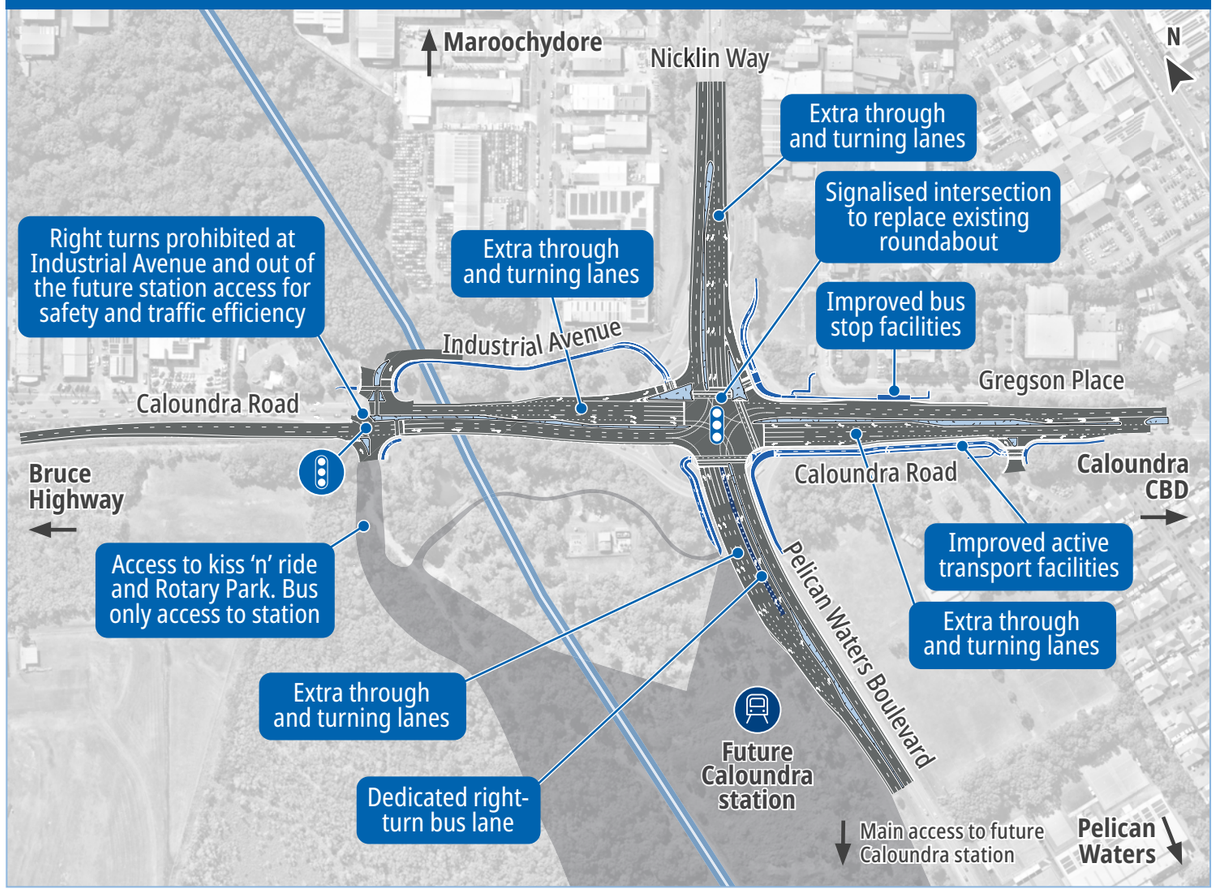
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Active transport improvements under investigation.