

Mooloolaba to Maroochydore cycleway

Community consultation results

November 2019

Background

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and Sunshine Coast Council (SCC) have partnered to plan and deliver the Mooloolaba to Maroochydore (M2M cycleway) project, which will provide a separated cycleway connecting Mooloolaba to Maroochydore, forming part of the Principal Cycle Network for the region.

Once complete, the six kilometre-long, three-metre-wide cycleway will provide a safe off-road connection from the Sunshine Motorway near the Mooloolah River, through Mooloolaba to the new cycleway infrastructure in Maroochydore City Centre at Maud Street in Maroochydore, for all active transport users.



M2M cycleway proposed alignment (concept only)

The M2M cycleway is being delivered over seven stages, as funding becomes available.

Project stages

Planning underway

- Stage 1 Mooloolah River to Amarina Avenue (TMR)
- Stage 3 Foote Street to Mooloolaba Foreshore Precinct (SCC)
- Stage 4 Mooloolaba Foreshore Precinct to Venning Street (SCC)
- Stage 5 Venning Street to Mary Street (TMR)
- Stage 6 Mary Street to Sixth Avenue (TMR)
- Stage 7 Maroubra Street to Maud Street (SCC)

Construction complete

- Stage 2 Amarina Avenue to Foote Street (SCC)

The Queensland Government has allocated \$6.7 million to deliver the 1.2-kilometre section of the M2M cycleway (Stage 6), from Mary Street at Alexandra Headland, to Sixth Avenue at Maroochydore.

Community consultation

TMR and SCC conducted community consultation for the M2M cycleway between 9 September 2019 to 4 October 2019, giving the Sunshine Coast community the opportunity to provide feedback on the overall concept, challenges and opportunities to inform planning and design development.

During the consultation period, community information sessions were held at the Mooloolaba Foreshore, Alexandra Headland and Cotton Tree Park.

The project team met with local community members to discuss their views and allow for feedback. Learning how people use the foreshore areas has been helpful to inform the design process.

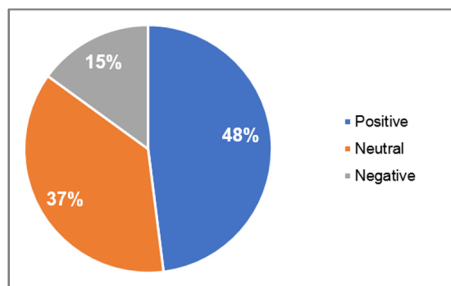
A variety of feedback tools were used to capture feedback, with the most popular tool being Social Pinpoint, an online interactive mapping platform. Other feedback methods included contacting the project team by email, phone, or completing a postcard / feedback form.



Mooloolaba Walk and Ride Bridge, Mooloolaba

The results

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback during the initial community consultation period. A brief summary of the feedback received is provided below.

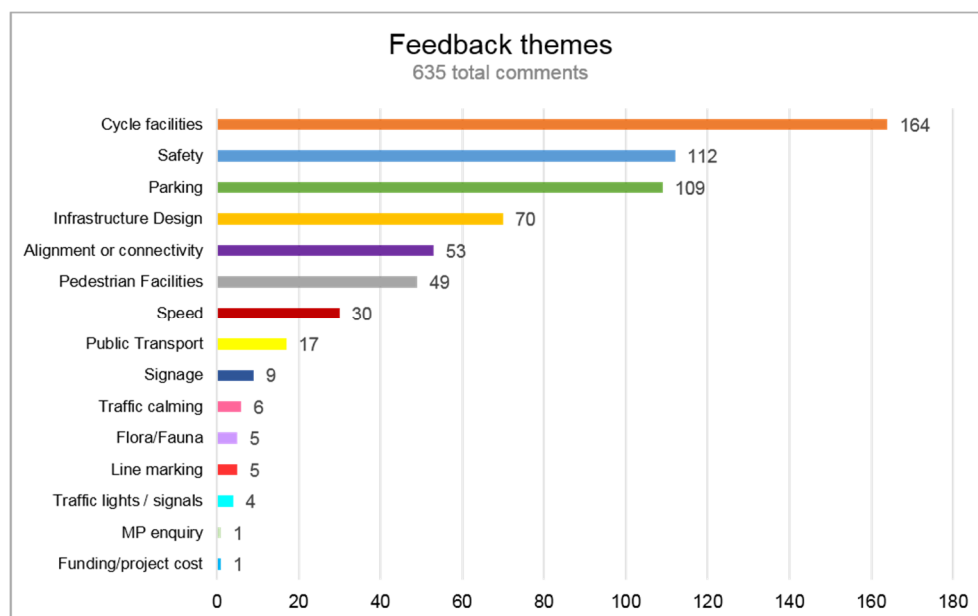


Feedback sentiment

- 322 individual feedback submissions were made with some participants raising more than one issue per submission
- 635 issues were raised in total
- 48% of feedback received during the four-week consultation was positive, 37% was neutral and 15% was negative

The most commonly raised issues and concerns across feedback channels included:

- **Cycle facilities** – the need for safe and connected, separate facilities for active transport users.
- **Safety** – concerns with the safety of current cycling facilities, as well as concerns with active transport user safety.
- **Parking** – concerns about the removal of parking adjacent to the Alexandra Headland foreshore.
- **Infrastructure design** – requests or suggestions for the design of the cycleway.
- **Alignment or connectivity** – enquiries about the alignment of the cycleway, or concerns with how it will interact with the current residential environment.
- **Pedestrian facilities** – the need for safe and separated pedestrian facilities, reducing chances of interaction between people riding bikes and pedestrians.



Next steps

Feedback received during the consultation period will be used to inform the design for Stage 6.

A community reference group has been formed and will meet to provide detailed input on Stage 5 and 6 of the M2M cycleway (Venning Street to Sixth Avenue). This will ensure a balance of community interests and engagement outcomes are maximised. A concept design for Stage 6 will be released by mid-2020, giving the community an opportunity to provide feedback on the initial concept.

SCC will undertake community engagement for Stage 7 in mid-2020.

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