Change of pace for highway

One year after the opening of the Tugun Bypass, planning and design is underway for a series of improvements on southern sections of the Gold Coast Highway that will deliver benefits to the local communities between Tugun and Coolangatta.

Since the bypass opened in June 2008, it has carried more than 14 million vehicles, reducing traffic on the Gold Coast Highway through Tugun by more than 50 per cent, with heavy vehicle numbers down by 70 per cent.

First step…. In response to feedback already received from the community, improvement works are proposed for the old Stewart Road intersection (now known as Tugun–Currumbin Road).

A major change at this intersection will be the construction of a new southbound right turn/u-turn lane from the Gold Coast Highway to Tugun–Currumbin Road.

These works are designed to rebalance traffic flows, while still providing a safe road environment for all road users.

Coming soon…. Plans are also underway for a new intersection north of the Bilinga overpass that will provide northbound traffic with a right turn lane direct to Coolangatta Road from the old Pacific Highway Tweed bypass.

Design drawings for this project will be available for public viewing and comment in late 2009/early 2010.

In the future…. Long term planning is also underway with the Cross Border Traffic Master Plan soon to be commissioned.

In working with Tweed Shire and Gold Coast City Councils, NSW Roads and Traffic Authority and Gold Coast Airport Ltd, the department is investigating a series of changes to traffic arrangements that will improve traffic flow and provide better route options for the local community.

The study will review development demographics and traffic projections in order to guide the next steps in planning. Findings from this technical study are expected in the second half of 2010.

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Tugun-Currumbin Road Intersection

Preliminary works: end 2009
Construction: early 2010
Completion: mid 2010
Gold Coast Highway
Tugun-Currumbin Road (Stewart Road) Intersection

- 70km/h speed between Wagoona Street and Terminal Drive
- Road resurfacing between Wagoona and Toolona Streets

New right turn into Tugun-Currumbin Road with U-Turn facility

On-road Bicycle lanes from Tugun to Bilinga

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