

Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade

Improving connectivity and travel choice

Project summary

Sunshine Coast Council, in partnership with the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), is pleased to provide an update on the Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade (CTCU).

Following a comprehensive public tender assessment process, the major construction contract has been awarded to SEE Civil. With all necessary approvals now in place, construction works are underway.

This marks an important step towards delivering this significant transport infrastructure investment for Caloundra.

The CTCU will connect Caloundra's business centre and Omrah Avenue to Nicklin Way via a new 1.6-kilometre transport corridor, improving access into the Caloundra CBD, reducing congestion and supporting the future growth of the region.



Artist impression of Section 1 Oval Ave looking east.

Construction update

Construction is now underway on this jointly funded project which represents a major investment in Caloundra's transport network and supports our region's growing population and future transport needs.

Construction will progress simultaneously on both sections of the project:

Section 1: Omrah Avenue to Arthur Street – funded and delivered by Sunshine Coast Council.

Section 2: Nicklin Way and Third Avenue extension – delivered by Council and jointly funded by TMR and Council.

Council and TMR are working closely with SEE Civil to coordinate construction activities, manage project staging and sequencing, and keep residents, businesses and road users informed throughout delivery.

Initial works will include establishing site offices and construction laydown areas, installing environmental controls, constructing site access tracks, undertaking vegetation clearing where required, modifying traffic islands, and carrying out underground water main and drainage works.

Where construction activities are expected to directly impact nearby residents or businesses, advance notification will be provided to those properties before works begin.

For the latest project updates, construction schedules, traffic impacts and frequently asked questions, visit the [project website](#). The webpage will be updated regularly as work progresses.

All information contained in this communication is accurate at the time of distribution.

However, works and dates are subject to change due to circumstances outside of Sunshine Coast Council's control.

The project is anticipated to be completed by mid-2028, weather and site conditions permitting.

Environmental approvals

The project has undergone extensive environmental assessment and was referred under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) due to potential impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance.

Following assessment, the project has been approved as a controlled action, meaning it can proceed subject to conditions designed to avoid, minimise and manage environmental impacts. Environmental management measures, including fauna protection, habitat salvage and environmental offset requirements, will be implemented throughout construction to protect surrounding environmental and cultural heritage values.

Project scope

Extensive community feedback has informed the final design. The upgrade will feature a new four-way signalised intersection connecting Nicklin Way and the Third Avenue extension, with Third Avenue extended to two lanes in each direction between Nicklin Way and Arthur Street.

Additional lanes and new signalised intersections will be provided along Oval Avenue, while a new road connection will be built between Omrah Avenue and Bowman Road.

It will also deliver active transport benefits including a pedestrian underpass at West Terrace, new pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, upgraded lighting and landscaping, new signalised crossings, and an alternative entry into Caloundra CBD.



Artist impression of Section 2 Nicklin Way looking east.

What to expect during construction

Construction is being carefully planned and staged to minimise impacts on residents, businesses, road users and the broader community wherever possible.

The majority of construction activities will be undertaken between **6am and 6pm, Monday to Friday**, with regular Saturday works occurring between 7am and 5pm. Some **night works will be required from time to time** to safely complete certain activities or reduce impacts on road users.

Changes to traffic conditions will be required at various stages of construction including lane closures, road closures, pathway closures, reduced speed limits and traffic controllers on site. Traffic management plans will be professionally designed and implemented to maintain access to properties and businesses and keep people moving safely during construction. Motorists should allow extra travel time and expect minor delays during construction.

Construction hours, activities and vehicle movements will be carefully managed to minimise impacts such as noise, dust and disruption where practicable.

The project team will provide regular updates to our community and work closely with directly affected stakeholders to help manage impacts as construction progresses.

Project timeline

- **2013 – 2020** – Various studies and master plans incorporating consideration of new transport routes
- **2021 – 2022** Community feedback sought on concept design
- **2022** – Detailed design began
- **2022-2024** – Stakeholder Interest Group (SIG) meetings conducted
- **2023-2025** – Detailed design continues
- **2024-2025** – Early works upgrade of Bowman Road and Gosling Street intersection
- **May 2025** – Detailed design finalised
- **Mid-2026** - Construction tender process conducted
- **September 2026** – EPBC approval granted and construction starts
- **October 2026** – Final SIG meeting to be held
- **Mid 2028*** – Construction complete.

**Subject to weather and site conditions.*

Keep updated on the project

Visit Council's [website](#) (search CTCU) for comprehensive information about the project, including Frequently Asked Questions, artist impressions and a fly-through of the design. You can also register to receive emailed construction notifications by subscribing via the web page.

Contact the project team

If you have any questions about these works you can contact the project team via email, CTCU@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

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