

SCATAC update October 2023

The third Sunshine Coast Active Transport Advisory Committee meeting of the year was held on Monday 25 September 2023 with 37 attendees.

The meeting was hosted by the Sunshine Coast Council and chaired by Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor, Rick Baberowski.







A summary of the items discussed at the meeting is provided below.

Council updates

Draft Active Transport Plan 2024

Council presented an overview of the consultancy brief for Council’s new *Active Transport Plan*. This Plan was sent to SCATAC members for comment following the meeting.

Council’s vision for its Active Transport Plan is to deliver a contemporary, best practice and bold Active Transport Plan which supports the region to achieve its adopted mode share targets. The plan will support Council to be courageous in its decision making and delivery programs. It will position the Sunshine Coast to be a location where riding and walking becomes the preferred transport mode for short trips. Importantly, the Active Transport Plan will connect the region in a healthy, safe and sustainable way enabling all ages, genders and mobility needs to move about without reliance on a car via an accessible and inclusive, low stress environment. Ensuring our active transport network is compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) is a statutory requirement.

	Current		2041	
	Trend	Target		
Private vehicle 	85%	70%		
Active 	12%	20%		
Passenger transport 	3%	10%		

Comments from members have now been received and incorporated into the brief and will form part of the Request for Quote package to go to market.

Network Safety Plan

Council is currently redrafting its Road Safety Plan including a name change to “Network Safety Plan”.

Council’s vision is that “the Sunshine Coast is recognised as a place which provides a safe travel environment for all”.

Outcomes from the plan to include:

- Identification of funding programs and budget allocations to each proposed action through the development of an accompanying internal Council document to support the Plan.
- The opportunity to redistribute existing funding to increase spending on proactive network safety outcomes.
- Trials in partnership with external bodies (eg. Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR), University of Sunshine Coast (USC), Queensland Police Service (QPS), Motor Accident Insurance Commission (MAIC), Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH)).
- Identification of lead agencies for each action and outline where Council is responsible to lead, advocate or assist, allowing for greater transparency of Council's input into the Safe System approach to network safety.
- Increased ability to report on the monitoring and evaluation of the plan, including actions that Council is currently undertaking (active transport and public transport education and encouragement, fleet initiatives, disaster management).

SCATAC members will be invited to provide input into the development of the new Network Safety Plan.

MoveSafe trial undertaken in Division 3

Councillor Peter Cox discussed the recent MoveSafe Trial undertaken within his Divisional area. The purpose of the trial was to understand the user experience on the active transport network and then to determine ways to improve the safety for users of the network.

Community engagement included direct engagement with disability advocacy groups and key community stakeholders as well as pop up stalls at locations convenient for residents to attend.

Council is now evaluating all the feedback collated from over 590 comments provided over the engagement period.

Council's [MoveSafe](#) page will be updated in the New Year with the results of the trial.

Updates from The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR)

TMR's four big projects for the Sunshine Coast.

1. **The direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line** – a proposed 37km passenger rail line planned to connect the Sunshine Coast community between Beerwah, Caloundra and Maroochydore to Brisbane and beyond.
2. **Sunshine Coast Public Transport** – to look at improving public transport between Maroochydore and the Sunshine Coast University Hospital at Birtinya with a possible extension to Caloundra.
3. **The Mooloolah River Interchange** – a multi stage project involving upgrading the Mooloolah River Interchange with an overpass to connect the Sunshine Motorway to the new Kawana Motorway and an overpass between Nicklin Way and Brisbane Road.
4. **Kawana Motorway** – a direct connection between Parrearra and Meridan Plains, parallel to Kawana Way and part of a new high-speed alternative to the Bruce Highway.

For information on these projects, please visit [Sunshine Coast Major Projects | TMR Projects](#)

How can you get involved?

If you wish to provide input into active travel on the Sunshine Coast, please contact the relevant advocacy group listed on the [SCATAC](#) page. You may prefer to email Council via mail@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

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