

Sugar Road and Maud Street Transport Corridor Upgrade

Project overview

As Maroochydore continues to grow, more residents and visitors are travelling to and from the heart of the Sunshine Coast by car, on foot, by bike and by bus.

Sugar Road and Maud Street are key travel routes, particularly to and from the CBD. The area has a history of crashes, lacks connected paths for people walking or riding and experiences traffic congestion for motorists and public transport users.

Sunshine Coast Council is planning to make this travel corridor safer and more efficient for all users.

Sugar Road and Maud Street, from Bungama Street to Wises Road, will be upgraded across multiple stages. The project upgrade benefits include:

- new, separated pathways for walking and riding to reduce conflict with vehicle traffic
- new signalised and raised priority crossings at key intersections to make it safer for people to cross these busy roads
- widening Sugar Road and Maud Street from two to four lanes to increase traffic capacity, improve traffic flow, reduce 'short-cutting' in nearby side streets and address safety concerns

- making the area greener and more comfortable and enjoyable for walking and riding with new planted verges, trees, landscaped garden beds and shaded pathways
- providing a transport corridor that supports a vibrant, connected and future-ready Maroochydore.

The project's sequence of stages and construction timing will be subject to future budget considerations.

To learn more about the project visit the webpage by searching 'Maroochydore Sugar Road and Maud Street Upgrade' on Council's website.

Interim upgrade works - Sugar Road

While Council continues detailed design for the Maud Street upgrades, some interim works will progress on Sugar Road, between Oloway Crescent and the Sugar Road-Wises Roads roundabout.

These works will take place as night works from early 2026 and include line marking changes, minor footpath improvements, new cycle ramps and improvements to cycle lanes. These upgrades will help improve traffic flow and safety in the shorter term, ahead of the longer-term stages for the transport corridor.

Please refer to Figures 1 and 2 (on page 3) for more detail.

A comment from your councillor



I am pleased that interim works are starting next year on this important transport corridor upgrade, after being planned for more than 20 years. Thank you to everyone who provided their feedback as part of the 2023-2024 community engagement activities. With Sugar Road currently carrying up to 25,000 vehicles per day, the upgrade is desperately needed. It will help future proof the area by reducing traffic congestion, increasing public transport efficiency and improving walking and riding options.

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Permanent changes to line marking, traffic and parking conditions

One of the key contributors to traffic congestion in the current single lane arrangement on Sugar Road is vehicle queuing. Vehicles must stop and wait for other vehicles to turn across the single centre line, into homes and businesses.

This in turn contributes to crashes and congestion along Sugar Road and the Sugar-Wises Roads roundabout.

To improve traffic and safety conditions in the short-medium term, and ahead of the project's permanent upgrades, interim changes will be made to the section of Sugar Road between Oloway Crescent and Sugar-Wises Roads roundabout.

These interim works include:

- a new, double centre line (replacing the current single centre line). The double centre line will mean left-in, left-out only turning movements will be legal in this section of Sugar Road for north and south bound travel. U-Turns for right turn movements can be made at the Sugar-Wises Roads roundabout and Dalton Drive-Sugar Road roundabout.

Travelling northbound (toward the CBD):

- extending the length of two departure lanes leaving the Wises Road Roundabout along Sugar Road and moving the merge to a single northbound lane closer to Oloway Crescent.
- removing on-street parking between the Sugar-Wises Roads roundabout and Oloway Crescent intersection, to accommodate the additional traffic lane and installation of yellow bicycle awareness symbols.

Travelling southbound (toward the Sugar-Wises Roads roundabout):

- a new dedicated cycle lane
- the removal of on-street parking between the Oloway Crescent intersection and Sugar-Wises

Roads roundabout, to accommodate the traffic lane and new cycle lane.

Timing of interim upgrade works – night works

Early 2026 - Dates and times to be advised

To reduce inconvenience to our community, including Sugar Road businesses, all interim works will be undertaken as night works including:

- line marking changes to accommodate the road, departure lane extension, cycle lane and parking changes
- cycle ramp and pathway improvements.

Two-way traffic will be maintained on Sugar Road with traffic control in operation. Access will remain to homes and businesses.

We will provide you with more information in a future update.

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Further information

You can find further information about this project on Council's website at sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

To contact Council's project team please email sugarmaudupgrade@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Or contact Council's customer service team via the details at the base of this update (please quote Sugar-Maud Upgrade project).

We will continue to keep you updated about the project via our regular notifications.



Figure 1: Sugar Road location of interim works - south of Oloway Crescent and north of the Sugar-Wises Roads roundabout.

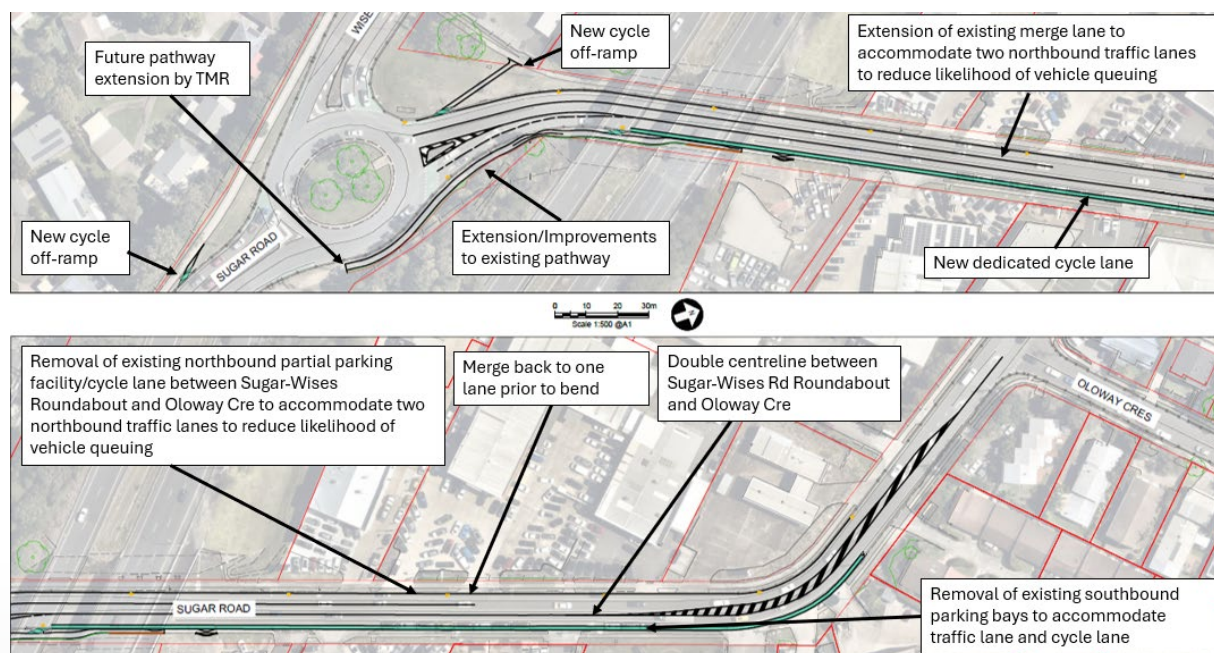


Figure 2: Interim works detail - including changes to line marking and traffic and parking conditions.