

Upgrading Omrah Avenue to Nicklin Way



Artist impression of two-way cycle track and pedestrian pathway which follows the length of the corridor. Illustration is indicative only.

Project update

As part of a major transport infrastructure investment into the future of Caloundra's lifestyle and economic development needs, a new transport corridor is being delivered.

The project footprint for the congestion-busting Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade (CTCU) has been confirmed.

The project is jointly funded by the Australian Government, Queensland Government through the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and Sunshine Coast Council.

The 1.6 kilometre corridor is an essential route to improve connectivity and travel choice into the Caloundra Central Business District and encourages active and sustainable transport, including walking, cycling, electric vehicles and public transport.

Planned since the early 2000s, the CTCU will connect Caloundra's CBD and Omrah Avenue to Nicklin Way via an active transport and road corridor.

Ultimate design

The project footprint includes a new intersection with Nicklin Way by extending Third Avenue.

It will reduce congestion and delays at the Caloundra Road, Nicklin Way and Pelican Waters Boulevard intersection and have flow-on benefits for local roads in Currimundi, Dicky Beach and Moffat Beach, which are currently used as a rat-run by frustrated motorists.

The design also focuses on vastly improving safety and accessibility for pedestrian and cyclists with new signalised crossings, pedestrian pathways and a dedicated two-way cycle track alongside a low-speed traffic environment.

The new intersection and road corridor is designed to meet the forecast traffic demand at opening in 2025/26 and over the next 10 years, to cater for our growing population, business and tourism.

For more information and to view the project footprint please visit [council's website](#).

Community helps shape design

Extensive community feedback has informed the ultimate design. In response to matters raised during the initial CTCU planning, TMR and Council established a Stakeholder Interest Group (SIG).

Since late 2022, the SIG has helped represent the interests of the local Caloundra community and has provided valuable feedback to help shape features of the design for the CTCU ultimate project footprint.

Key features the group has influenced include:

- the importance of continued connectivity between Ben Bennett Bushland Park and neighbouring properties including aged care facilities on West Terrace
- the need to reduce the impact on vegetation in Ben Bennett Bushland Park and Bicentennial Park
- the opportunity to provide accessible, safe and efficient active transport connections for cyclists and pedestrians to cater for all ages and abilities.

Environmental reductions

SIG input has directly shaped safer and more convenient access to **Ben Bennett Bushland Park** for Caloundra residents including a pedestrian and cyclist underpass near West Terrace.

The SIG has also directly influenced a reduction to the project's impact on Ben Bennett Bushland Park. This has been achieved by including retaining walls on part of the new road between Nicklin Way and Third Avenue.

The SIG has made a significant contribution to help identify opportunities and concerns regarding **Bicentennial Park**. The overall four-lane corridor width was reduced during the design process to ensure the park and much-loved fig tree were retained.

The project team has also achieved further reductions to the land required at **Caloundra RSL** to ensure the RAAF Helicopter and the two Bofors guns are not disturbed, as well as significant reductions to the **Memorial Garden**.

It's this type of input from the group that will help to shape the best possible outcomes for our community.

Where to from here?

Section one early works, including underground service relocations and property demolition, are expected to start later this year. The final configuration of both intersections for Section Two and active transport pathway locations will be confirmed with a final design and construction details scheduled for release later this year. Delivery of the fourth leg into Industrial Avenue will be subject to available funding once detailed costing is complete.

While the four-lane footprint is now decided, the project team will continue to work closely with the SIG with further meetings this year to determine other opportunities for the project including community activation and landscaping.

The CTCU Project Team will continue to keep our community informed about the project via these regular updates.

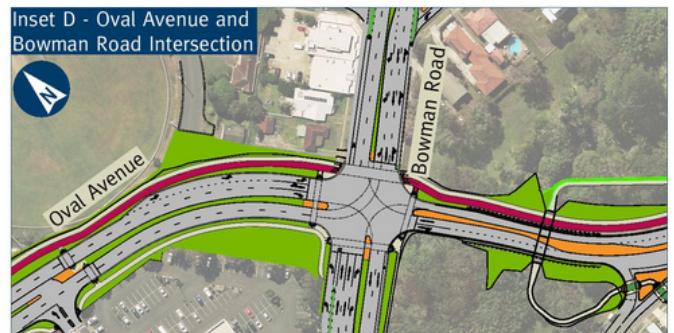
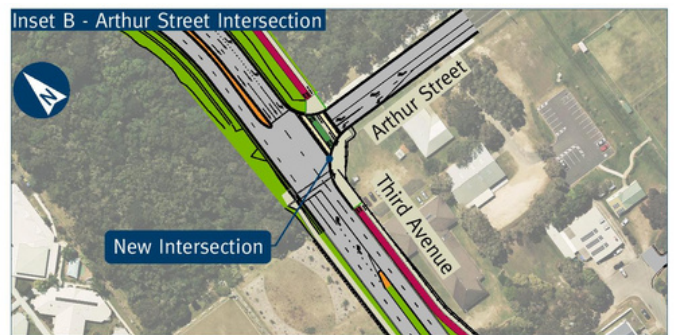
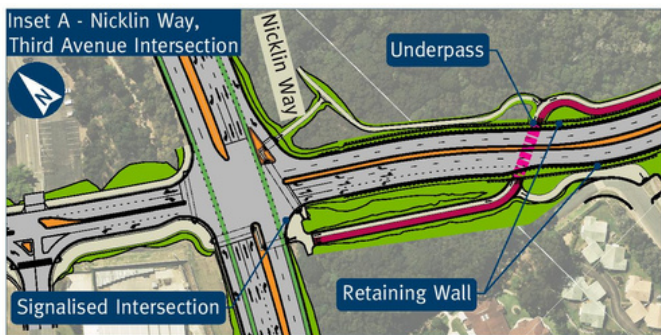
Project timeline

All information about the project is accurate at the time of distribution.

Project outcomes including design, works and dates may be subject to change due to circumstances beyond the CTCU team's control.

2021	Community feedback sought
Late 2022	Detailed design tender awarded and detailed design commenced
2022 - 2023	Stakeholder Interest Group SIG meetings conducted
Late 2023	Detailed design completed
Late 2023	Construction starts for Section 1 (including early works)
2025/26	Opening of new transport transport corridor

Ultimate Project footprint



Map of Ultimate Project Footprint for Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade.

Keep up to date with the project

Would you like to be kept informed as this vital piece of transport infrastructure is progressed?

- Visit the project webpage on Council's website (search for 'CTCU')
- Contact the project team or register to receive project updates via email.

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