Possible Program of Network Improvements

The SEQ Bus Network Review has proposed to implement a range of service changes in 12/13 and 13/14. Other work has identified the result is likely to be a contraction of the bus service network on the Sunshine Coast and a consequential negative impact for users.

It is considered essential that Council at least form a view and propose a viable, targeted 5 year plan for the Sunshine Coast. The following table is proposed on the basis of historical knowledge, current system performance issues, known milestone events requiring public transport integration and general ongoing discussions with State agencies as well as desired outcomes for the Sunshine Coast.

The following proposed program will require annual review and amendment.

Advocacy efforts will occur with the aim of creating a cooperatively developed and mutually agreed 5 year Sunshine Coast Public Transport Network Upgrade Program. This will remove uncertainty and gain community confidence in the network.

Council Proposed Program for Sunshine Coast Network Improvements	(see Note 1)
2013/14	
Finalise Hinterland Connect as a permanent service	TTA BAU
Realignment of services through Horton Parade Transit Hub	TTA BAU
Take opportunities arising from service realignments related to the Horton Parade Transit Hub	
to benefit the surrounding area.	
Improve Maroochydore local area feeder service	
New bus routes to serve the Nambour area	
Improve frequency of Hinterland Connect (see Note 3)	
Realign and review frequency of services to serve Birtinya, SC University Hospital, Kawana	
Town Centre and 'Brightwater' development	TTA BAU
Expand span of hours for Route 607 (Caloundra-SCUH-Sippy Downs)	TTA BAU
Test some direct peak hour only services (to and from Maroochydore)	
Review the Maleny to Landsborough bus service extension to Beerwah	
Maintain weekend hourly services to Route 619	TTA BAU
Trial late night services Fri/Sat for Route 610 (Nambour-Maroochydore) [3 services]	
2014/15	
Improve Route 607 to 30 min freq across 7 days per week	TTA BAU
Split Route 603 to 603 / 604	TTA BAU
Bus routes to serve the Nambour area	TTA BAU
Improvements to Route 603	TTA BAU
Improve PT connection to the Sunshine Coast Airport from the south	
Expand span of hours for Route 636 (Sippy Downs-Nambour)	TTA BAU
Test direct centre to centre express service (peak hours only)	1 17 (27 (0
Consider span of hours amendments on some routes to suit University student travel	TTA BAU
2015/16	
Route changes with improvements to Caloundra area (603,604,609)	
Route amendments to take advantage of Kawana development area road connectivity	
Expand span of hours for Route 607 (Caloundra-SCUH-Sippy Downs)	TTA BAU
Improve Route 610 to 30min freq on weekends	TTA BAU
Improve Route 616 to 30 min freq on weekends	TTA BAU
Review alignment of Route 618	TTA BAU
Consider Maroochydore area services due to Central Precinct opportunities	SCRC/TTA
Series and the contract of the contract of the contract opportunities	BAU
2016/17	
Route 610 or 612, provide equiv. 15 min freq on weekdays Nambour to Maroochydore	TTA BAU
Consider span of hours amendments on some routes Caloundra area	TTA BAU

Improvements to Route 636 Improvements to local services in the Kawana area to link to commencement of public hospital operation.	TTA BAU SCRC/TTA BAU	
2017/18 and beyond is to be further developed Consider span of hours amendments on some routes Consider improvements to Route 616	TTA BAU TTA BAU	

Notes:

- 1. TTA BAU = TransLink 'business as usual'. The expectation is it is within the normal scope of network management.
- 2. Where TTA BAU is noted this indicates that SCRC is unlikely to contribute to this initiative. Where there is no notation this indicates SCRC would consider contributing based on the merits of likely outcomes.
- 3 Subject to declaration as permanent service

Suggested Timing of Investigations with TransLink

Investigations 2013/14

- Develop new service options for the Nambour/ Nambour West/ Woombye/ Palmwoods areas to supersede Route 639.
- Investigate Kawana & Caloundra route coverage and improvement to suit SC University Private Hospital commencement (602/603/605/607/other) and later Public Hospital commencement.
- Develop improvements to the Hinterland Connect service (see note 3).
- Review possible improvements to Route 601.
- Develop for test implementation, centre to centre express service options.
- Investigate Maroochydore area service improvements in terms of local services and service realignments to suit Horton Parade Transit Hub opening.

Investigations 2014/15

- Investigate and identify span of hours improvements including late night services through SCUH area.
- Investigate services in the Minyama/Buddina/Parrearra/Warana/Birtinya/Bokarina area.
- Continue Maroochydore area review to suit Central Precinct requirements.
- Review and investigate service changes to suit the Caloundra area and Bells Reach development /early stages of Caloundra South development.

Investigations 2015/16

- · Investigate Railway towns alignment bus service supplement.
- Investigate frequency improvements to 610/612 and also to 620.
- Investigate services in the Minyama/Buddina/Parrearra/Warana/Birtinya/Bokarina area.

Investigations 2016/17

- Review possible improvements subject to previous network amendments.
- · Review span of hours for services.

Investigations 2017/18

- Review possible improvements subject to previous network amendments.
- Review late night service options.

Notes:

- (a) Other actions may change the timing of these significantly
- (b) This listing will also be reviewed annually with TransLink