

NOTICE OF MOTION

SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Joe Natoli

COUNCIL MEETING: Ordinary Meeting

I hereby notify of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting to take place on Thursday 20 August 2020:

That Council

- (a) direct the Chief Executive Officer to ensure the Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Preliminary Business Case and Options Analysis is not finalised or advanced to the State Government Department of Transport and Main Roads interest check until such time as (b) below is completed.
- (b) Request the Chief Executive Officer to
 - (i) prepare a report for consideration at the Ordinary Meeting of 17 September 2020, regarding the Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Preliminary Business Case and Options Analysis, allowing for Council to determine to immediately release the documentation to the public at that time;
 - (ii) develop and present a comprehensive and meaningful community engagement plan which must be undertaken, completed and incorporated in the Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Preliminary Business Case, prior to proceeding through to Phase 3 of the Detailed Business Case;
 - (iii) communicate to the Department of Transport and Main Roads that Council will only proceed with the Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Detailed Business Case if the community engagement process identifies majority community support for the Preliminary Business Case and Options Analysis; and
 - (iv) ensure the final Preliminary Business Case, including the outcome of the community engagement, is presented to Council for final endorsement and decision prior to proceeding to Phase 3.


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Councillor Joe Natoli

11-08-2020
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Date

To all Councillors and Group Executives

I hereby notify that Councillor Joe Natoli intends to move the motion as shown above at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 20 August 2020.


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Chief Executive Officer

12 Aug 2020
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Date

COUNCILLOR COMMENT

On 13 July 2020 the Sunshine Coast Mass Transit update was presented to a councillor workshop.

On slide 52 headed "The way forward"

1. Council considers draft Preliminary Business Case and Option Analysis on 20 August 2020.

It was my understanding the Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Preliminary Business Case and Option Analysis had been completed and would be presented to council at the Ordinary Meeting 20 August 2020. To my surprise it was not on the agenda.

While reading the Ordinary Meeting Agenda 20 August 2020, Item 8.1 Appendix B, The Quarterly Progress Report - Quarter 4, 2019-20. Action Code 1.4.1 Action Name:

Progress the Sunshine Coast mass-transit project business case and engineering design in partnership with key stakeholders.

Comments: The preliminary business case for Sunshine Coast mass-transit has been completed. Preparations have been made with the Department of Transport and Main Roads for the Preliminary business Case to be assessed by the state government, as a basis for proceeding with the program for the detailed business case.

Comments: Branch: Urban Growth Projects.

It appears to me that by reading the comments in the Quarterly Progress Report Action Code 1.4.1 that the endorsement of the Preliminary Business Case and Option Analysis will not occur and it will be progressed directly to state interest check.

Since the Sunshine Coast light rail project first report in 2012 "Line in the sand", there has only been one major public consultation process undertaken, October and November 2014. During the 2014 community consultation there was no talk about infill development being part of the project. The public have never been made aware of the urbanisation strategy attached to the Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Study.

I believe it is incumbent upon us, the elected members to be genuine and upfront with the community about what the Preliminary Business Case and Option Analysis is proposing.

The Preliminary Business Case and Option Analysis needs to be brought to council, tabled and released to the community at the conclusion of the next Ordinary Meeting, as has happened with all other previous studies. The council should undertake a comprehensive and meaningful community engagement to ensure the community fully understands what is being proposed in the Preliminary Business Case and Options Analysis before sending it to the state government to commence the Detailed Business Case Phase 3.

The council must only proceed if the community is supportive of council endorsing the Preliminary Business Case and Options Analysis and it progressing to the Detailed Business Case Phase 3.

Note: I will include the Timeline Historical Papers and a copy of Sunshine Coast Light Rail Route Options Consultation Report May 2015.

Timeline

Historical Papers

| | |
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| 2012 | Line in the Sand Taskforce feasibility report into Public Transport 159 Page Council prepared document (3 page summary on Council website) Community input and engagement thru online hub Only Public Transport discussion No mention of infill or densification |
| 2013 | Sunshine Coast Light Rail-Shaping our Future Prepared by Hassel 54 page document (mentions infill 40% and Greenfields 60%) No community input |
| Oct/Nov 2014 | Community Consultation Light rail Project several options presented. No mention of infill 87% surveyed in favour of further investigation |
| May 2015 | Sunshine Coast Light Rail report presented to Council (based on community input) 32 Page report prepared by Council recommending further investigations |
| Feb 2017 | Urban Transformation Directions Paper (first mentions of higher infill in Urban Corridor) No community input |
| May 2019 | Qld Gov't committed funds to develop a Detailed Business Case (DBC) (1st stage Maroochydore to Kawana) \$7.5million State Govt funded \$7.5million SCC funded |

Current Papers

July 2019 **Strategic Business Case**

163 Page document prepared by SCC (no community input)

Approved @ 25 July 2019 Council Meeting (unanimous)

January 2020 **Preliminary Detailed Business Case Interim Findings**

52 page Document prepared by PWC (no community input)

Approved at 30 January 2020 Council Meeting (Unanimous)

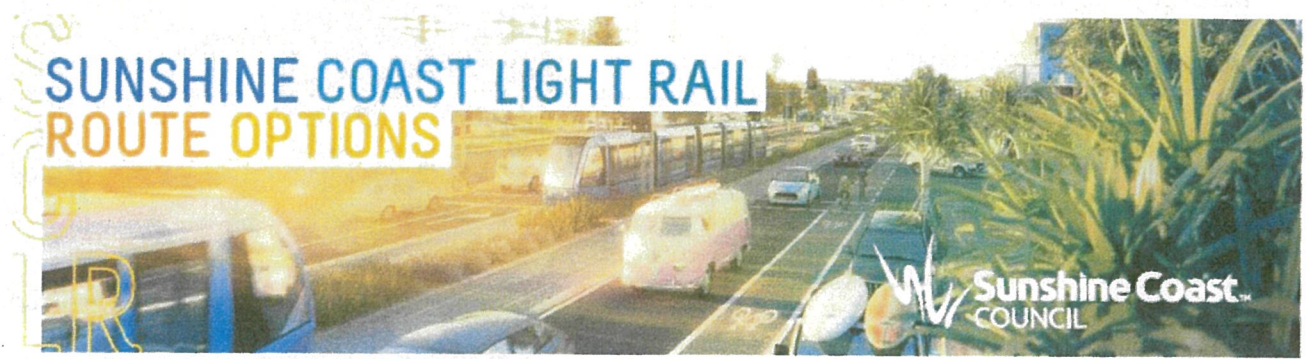
Mid 2020 **Preliminary Detailed Business Case**

End 2021 **Detailed Business Case** to be completed and given to State Government

(No community input)

James Coote on June 23 2020 advised no community input planned until after DBC given to State Gov't.

\$15m spent and 7 years since any public consultation!



**Sunshine Coast Light Rail
Route Options
Consultation Report**

May 2015

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During October and November 2014, Council undertook community consultation on the Sunshine Coast Light Rail project. The focus of consultation was to outline the project to the community, explaining the potential benefits of light rail, and to gather community feedback on a range of route options in the areas of Maroochydore, Mooloolaba, Kawana and Caloundra.

Upon the close of consultation the project had engaged with many people across the Sunshine Coast and beyond including:

- Over 11,000 website visits
- Letterbox drop to over 30,000 households in direct proximity of the light rail corridor
- Direct engagement with over 800 people at Community Information sessions and project briefings
- Over 700 route option survey responses
- Thousands of people reached through advertising and information materials.



Consultation was framed around the release of two documents; 'Sunshine Coast Light Rail – Shaping Our Future' and the 'Sunshine Coast Light Rail Route Options' brochure.

Survey participants

The route options survey was the primary tool used to gather community feedback. 704 people completed the survey with respondents representing an extensive spread of the Sunshine Coast, including all coastal suburbs from Mudjimba and Bli Bli through to Pelican Waters in the south. The suburbs with the highest levels of survey response were those suburbs in the vicinity of the four light rail route option areas.

There was a consistent representation of persons aged between 35-74 and a lower proportion of responses in the 25-34 age category, consistent with the population profile of the Sunshine Coast. 57% of respondents were male while 43% were female. 87% of survey respondents support the investigation into light rail.

Areas of the route

Respondents identified they would use the northern areas of the route (Maroochydore, Mooloolaba and Kawana) the most, while also identifying Maroochydore and Kawana as the two most important areas of the corridor, indicating a high level of support for the identified stage 1 of light rail to be constructed between Maroochydore and Kawana.

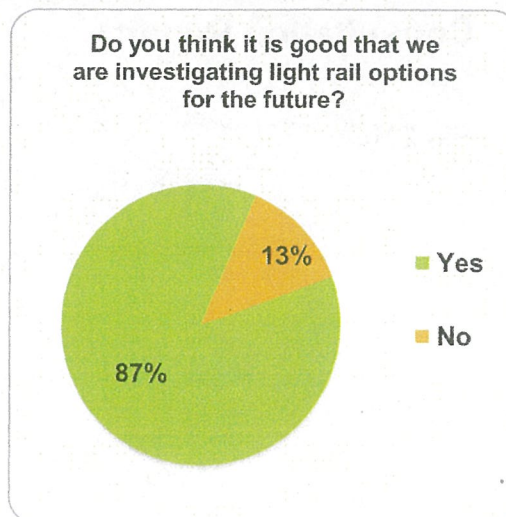
Maroochydore

In relation to Maroochydore, there was a clear preference for Option A (Aerodrome Road and Maroochydore City Centre) with 50% of respondents having a preference for this route. Key issues raised by respondents included the competing interests of tourism and travel time, preservation of Cotton Tree and urban revitalisation of Aerodrome Road.

Mooloolaba

In relation to Mooloolaba, there was a similar level of preference for Option A (Beach and foreshore), Option B (Walan Street and Brisbane Road) and Option D (Foreshore and River Esplanade) with each receiving about 30% preference, while the key issue was the divided views regarding light rail along Mooloolaba Esplanade.

Kawana



In relation to Kawana, 71% of respondents preferred route options that accessed the hospital precinct (A and B) while key issues raised included access to the hospital precinct and other major destinations, travel time and connections to future heavy rail (CAMCOS).

Caloundra

In relation to Caloundra, there was a preference for Option C (Eastern Beaches) with 52% of preferences, while key issues raised included accessing the eastern beaches and accessing the Caloundra town centre.

Feedback on light rail

The main potential deterrents to the use of light rail were identified as fare cost, travel time, location of light rail corridor, access to the light rail, frequency and reliability and preference for driving. A range of consistent themes emerged from other comments provided including:

- a) Support for light rail and preference for timing sooner rather than later
- b) Concerns regarding capital cost and suggestions of using buses as a cheaper option
- c) Concern regarding the cost and speed of travel on light rail
- d) A range of comments (including confusion) regarding light rail and the CAMCOS corridor
- e) Comments about public transport services to other areas including suggested extensions of the light rail
- f) Concerns regarding the impact of light rail on the road network.

Conclusions

Community reaction to the potential for light rail for the Sunshine Coast was overwhelmingly positive. Feedback on the project and the route options will assist Council to move forward with more detailed study as well as informing future community consultation on the project. The option of light rail for the Sunshine Coast is broadly supported by the community.

Based on the outcomes of the community consultation and the assessments previously undertaken as part of the Route Planning and Impact Assessment Report, Council has identified a light rail route corridor from Maroochydore to Caloundra in order for further investigations to be undertaken to determine the feasibility of light rail for the Sunshine Coast.

Council also confirmed support for the establishment of a working group with the State government to introduce a high frequency branded bus as a forerunner to light rail on the corridor between Maroochydore to Caloundra.

16. Route options brochure

A route options brochure was the central communication and feedback device developed for Phase 2 community engagement. The brochure provided information relevant to the project, dates and times for community information sessions, details of the routes options for the four primary areas – Maroochydore, Mooloolaba, Kawana and Caloundra – and a perforated reply paid survey form. Approximately 2,500 of the brochures were distributed during the course of community engagement.



SUNSHINE COAST LIGHT RAIL
ROUTE OPTIONS

NOVEMBER 2014

Sunshine Coast COUNCIL

Community consultation on route options

The Sunshine Coast's population is expected to grow by 50 per cent within the next 20 years. This level of growth will bring opportunities and challenges. We want your help in deciding how the Sunshine Coast can become one of the most sustainable regions in Australia - a vibrant place with a sustainable economy, environment and community.

In line with this commitment, Sunshine Coast Council is investigating if light rail might be a part of the solution for managing future growth and to help maintain the lifestyle we enjoy today.

At this stage council has made no decisions on light rail. Instead, in this phase of work Council is identifying:

- The potential benefits and costs of light rail (economic, environmental, health and well being, community building)
- The extent to which it could solve future issues around connectivity and road congestion, particularly in the high growth corridor between Maroochydore and Caloundra

- Community attitudes and opinions about light rail and route options as shown in this brochure.

Due to the long lead time required for the funding, design and construction of major infrastructure we need to consider potential routes now, noting that the Queensland Government is responsible for the delivery of major infrastructure such as light rail.

This level of pre-planning means if we do, as a community, elect the light rail path, we will be able to move ahead more quickly.

Please complete the route option survey

This brochure includes an important survey that will enable you to select preferred route options and provide comments.

The same survey is available online at www.lightrail.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au, which may be the most convenient way to have your say.

Information gathered through the survey will be used to refine the route options for more detailed study. This will be followed by further community consultation.

We encourage everyone to participate in the survey that will help shape the future of the Sunshine Coast. For more information visit one of our Community Information Sessions (see details below) or visit us online.

In considering the options we encourage you to adopt a long-term view about how the community as a whole can tackle the challenges of an evolving Sunshine Coast. Given the long-term nature of the light rail proposal, we also encourage our youth and young adults to become involved in the discussion.

Setting the context for light rail

In August 2012 council began a feasibility study into light rail which is now well underway.

You may have seen the booklet 'Sunshine Coast Light Rail - Shaping Our Future'. The document provides an overview of the benefits and opportunities that light rail could provide. You can view this document at www.lightrail.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

It also explains that light rail would be a long-term initiative, delivered in stages in line with growing demands.

It shows that connecting the growth hubs of Maroochydore, Mooloolaba, Kawana and Caloundra is the logical starting point, with the first stage linking Maroochydore to Mooloolaba and to the Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital at Kawana.

Attend a Community Information Session:

| TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER: | THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER: | SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER: | FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER: |
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| Events Centre, 20 Minchinton Street, Caloundra (10am to 2pm / 4pm to 7pm) | Mooloolaba Surf Club, Mooloolaba Esplanade, Mooloolaba (10am to 2pm / 4pm to 7pm) | Lake Kawana Community Centre, 114 Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina (9am to 1pm) | Millwell Road Community Centre, 11 Millwell Road East, Maroochydore (10am to 2pm / 4pm to 7pm) |

Get involved.
Visit our website or contact council's customer service centres.

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Page 1 of the Route Options Brochure

Appendix 2: Route Option Survey

We'd like to hear from you

Your feedback on the proposed route options is an essential part of the feasibility study. By filling out the survey you can help us to understand the issues that are important to the community.

HAVE YOUR SAY

This survey is available online at www.lightrail.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au. This may prove the most convenient way for you to participate. Alternatively, complete this postage paid form, fold and seal with tape and then drop it into a post box.

This study considers whether light rail could be one option in managing future growth and ensuring accessibility in the major activity centres of the future.

1. WHAT SUBURB OF THE SUNSHINE COAST DO YOU LIVE IN?

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

2. ABOUT YOU

Age: 10-17 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 75+ Female Male

3. DO YOU THINK IT'S GOOD THAT WE ARE INVESTIGATING LIGHT RAIL OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE?

Yes No

4. WHICH AREA OF THE ROUTE WOULD YOU USE MOST AND WHY? (TICK ALL APPLICABLE)

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|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAROOCHYDORE | <input type="checkbox"/> MOOLOOLABA | <input type="checkbox"/> KAWANA | <input type="checkbox"/> CALOUNDRA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Live nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Live nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Live nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Live nearby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go to school nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Go to school nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Go to school nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Go to school nearby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Work nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Work nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Work nearby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visit shops/restaurants nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit shops/restaurants nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit shops/restaurants nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit shops/restaurants nearby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a business nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a business nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a business nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a business nearby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel to this area often | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel to this area often | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel to this area often | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel to this area often |

Other (please nominate): _____

5. WHICH AREA OF THE ROUTE DO YOU CONSIDER MOST IMPORTANT?

Maroochydore Mooloolaba Kawana Caloundra

Other (please nominate): _____

6. WHICH OPTION DO YOU PREFER FOR EACH AREA AND WHY? (TICK ONE ONLY)

Please tick your preferred option and add further comments if you wish.

| AREA | OPTION A | OPTION B | OPTION C | OPTION D | COMMENTS |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Maroochydore (Map 1, Page 3) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | |
| Mooloolaba (Map 2, Page 4) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Kawana (Map 3, Page 5) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Caloundra (Map 4, Page 6) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | |

7. IF YOU WOULDN'T USE LIGHT RAIL, PLEASE TELL US WHY.

8. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS RELEVANT TO THE FEASIBILITY STUDY?

Please complete this form and send back by Friday 28 November 2014 or fill out the survey online at www.lightrail.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au. If you have any queries or questions, please send an email to lightrail@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

