

Maroochydore–Noosa Road Route Strategy and Link Plan

Community Consultation Summary

November 2022



Project Overview

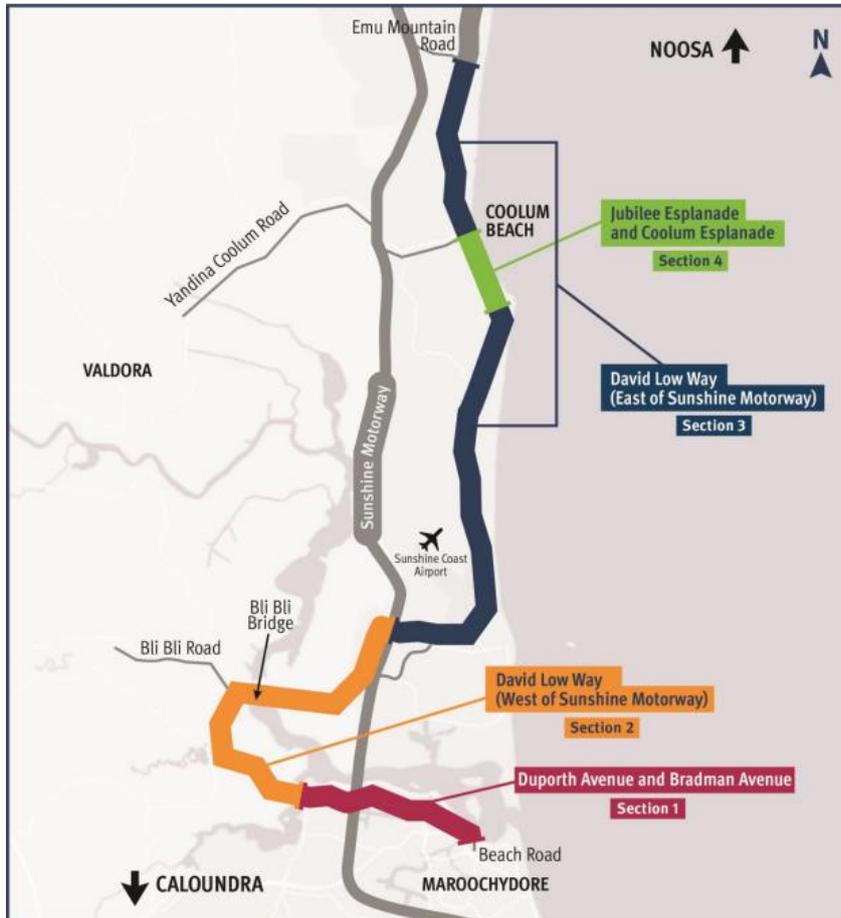
The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) carried out a study on the full length of Maroochydore-Noosa Road which runs from Ocean Street, Maroochydore to Emu Mountain Road, Coolum Beach.

TMR's planning will inform future opportunities along Maroochydore-Noosa Road. Maroochydore-Noosa Road is a 28-kilometre route consisting of connected two-lane, two-way roads. Locally, these roads are known as Beach Road, Duporth Avenue, Bradman Avenue, David Low Way, Jubilee Esplanade and Coolum Esplanade. Since first constructed, the function of this route has changed considerably. The route is a popular tourist route and provides local access to communities that have experienced significant growth. It is a key part of the Sunshine Coast active transport network with a mixture of dedicated facilities and shared on-road facilities. Public transport also relies on this route.

Community Consultation

TMR undertook community consultation between Tuesday, 4 October and Monday, 7 November 2022 to inform the planning process.

For the purposes of consultation, the alignment was divided into four sections as per the image below. TMR's online engagement tool provided opportunities to submit feedback via a social map and four survey options for each of the sections.



In total, around 800 pieces of feedback were received.

- **5700+**
visits to the online consultation
- **486**
survey responses
- **225**
comments added to the interactive map

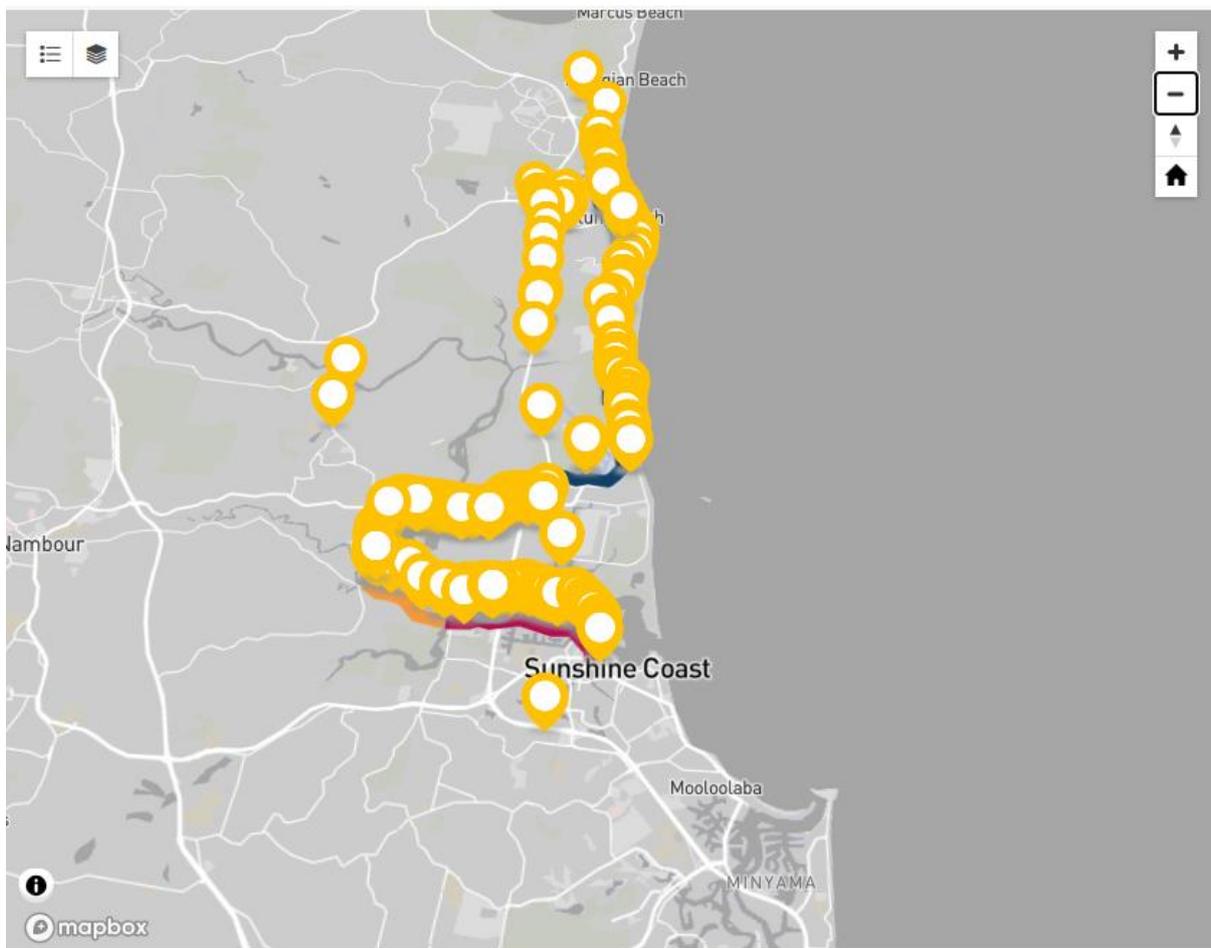


Figure 1 TMR Have Your Say online consultation interactive map comment locations.

Key feedback themes

- Safety – the safety of all road users, including people on bikes and pedestrians, emerged as a key issue.
- Active transport and pedestrian facilities – there was strong support for improved active transport options including better cycling and walking connections, and new footpaths and pedestrian crossing facilities.
- Congestion and traffic – congestion and traffic were raised as issues in areas along the route. Bli Bli was a focus area for this feedback.
- Public spaces – requests were made for public amenities, and new or improved public spaces (this feedback will be provided to Sunshine Coast Council as the responsible authority for placemaking activities).
- Public transport – additional public transport routes and services, along with extra bus stop locations, were suggested.
- Bli Bli Bridge – requests were made to replace and widen the bridge, and improve active transport facilities on the bridge.
- Design – suggestions were made to widen road shoulders, consider extra east-west connections to the Sunshine Motorway, and improve signage along the route. Pedestrian overpasses, new signalised intersections and new roundabouts were suggested.

- Traffic – traffic calming measures, including speed limit reduction, were suggested for areas along the route.
- Environment – concerns were raised for wildlife and habitat along the route, along with flood immunity.
- Car parking – requests were made for additional car parking spaces, including Persons with Disability car parking spaces, close to shopping areas, schools, parks, and public spaces. Removal of some on-road car parking spaces was suggested to provide improved sight lines and to better accommodate on-road cyclists.

Survey respondents were asked to prioritise issues on Maroochydore-Noosa Road. The highest ranked issues for each section were:

- Section 1 – Duporth Avenue and Bradman Avenue – walking connections followed by side street access and bike riding connections
- Section 2 – David Low Way west - travel time followed by walking and bike riding connections
- Section 3 – David Low Way east – walking connections, followed by bike riding connections and travel time
- Section 4 – Jubilee Esplanade and Coolum Esplanade – walking connections followed by placemaking and bike riding connections.

	Travel time	Side street access	Parking	Placemaking	Walking connections	Bike riding connections	Public transport	Number of survey responses
Section 1 priorities	4	2	6	5	1	3	7	127
Section 2 priorities	1	4	6	7	2	3	5	175
Section 3 priorities	3	5	7	4	1	2	6	104
Section 4 priorities	6	7	4	2	1	3	5	80

What's next

The feedback received provided insight into the community's sentiment and preferences. The feedback helped to inform the planning process for Maroochydore–Noosa Road to guide possible future investment.