

Upgrading Omrah Avenue to Nicklin Way



As part of a major transport infrastructure investment in addressing congestion issues facing Caloundra, Sunshine Coast Council – in partnership with the Queensland Government and the Australian Government – will deliver a new transport corridor, known as the Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade, connecting the CBD and Omrah Avenue to Nicklin Way, north of the Caloundra Road roundabout.

This integrated transport corridor upgrade is part of a long-term plan to provide better access to and from Caloundra for public transport users, cyclists, pedestrians and motorists now and into the future. Without this upgrade, travel time, traffic congestion and access for active and public transport in Caloundra will continue to worsen as our community grows.



About the project

The **Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade** (CTCU) is a new transport corridor and a high priority project for improving accessibility, connectivity, safety and travel choice into the Caloundra CBD and surrounding destinations. It is the most significant local transport upgrade project in Caloundra's recent history and will transform access to and from Caloundra for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

The 1.6 kilometre corridor, which runs between Omrah Avenue and Nicklin Way, will reduce congestion and improve travel times on existing roads, including at the Caloundra Road / Nicklin Way roundabout, making it easier to travel into and out of Caloundra. This project is also consistent with the community's vision to get people out of cars and adopting more sustainable modes of transport, including walking, cycling, electric vehicles and public transport.

Currently around 100,000 people per day travel through the Caloundra Road / Nicklin Way roundabout. Traffic congestion is often experienced.

The transport upgrade will include a four-lane road with intersection improvements, a new connection at the intersection of Nicklin Way, Third Avenue and Industrial Avenue, a two-way cycle track, pedestrian pathways, new street lighting and landscaping.

Project timeline

The CTCU is a multi-stage project to be delivered over a number of years with a proposed timeline of:

2021	<i>Complete concept design and detailed investigations for Sections 1 and 2</i>
Late-2022	<i>Complete detailed design for Sections 1 and 2</i>
2023 to 2024	<i>Construction of Sections 1 and 2</i>
Late 2024	<i>Completion and opening of the new transport corridor.</i>

More detailed construction timeframes and information will be provided closer to the works commencing.

About the corridor

The new transport corridor is made up of two sections – **Section 1** and **Section 2**.

Section 1 between Omrah Avenue and Arthur Street will include:

- Duplicating existing traffic lanes to provide two lanes in each direction on Oval Avenue and Third Avenue
- Connecting Oval Avenue with Omrah Avenue
- Building a two-way cycle track and pedestrian pathways
- Upgrading the following intersections to traffic signals to improve safety and traffic operations:
 - Bowman Road/Gosling Street
 - First Avenue/Oval Avenue
 - Third Avenue/Oval Avenue
 - Arthur Street/Third Avenue
- Making changes to traffic movements at the following locations:
 - First Avenue, Second Avenue and Third Avenue intersections with Oval Avenue
 - Nicholls Street and Gosling Street intersection
 - Suller Street, Cowan Street and Omrah Avenue intersections with Bowman Road
- Installing new street lighting and landscaping.

Section 1 of the CTCU will be delivered and funded by Sunshine Coast Council to meet local growth, transport infrastructure and community needs.

Section 2 between Arthur Street and Nicklin Way (referred to as the Nicklin Way/Third Avenue extension) will include:

- Extension of Third Avenue from Arthur Street to Nicklin Way including a two-way cycle track and pedestrian pathway
- Connection of Industrial Avenue to Nicklin Way
- A new signalised intersection on Nicklin Way
- New street lighting and landscaping.

This section will provide an important new connection to central Caloundra, further improving accessibility, safety and connectivity for the region. Section 2 of the CTCU is jointly funded by Sunshine Coast Council, the Queensland Government and the Australian Government. The Queensland Government Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is working closely with Council to deliver this section.

Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade design

The alignment of the corridor has been determined following a lengthy and detailed assessment of planning, environmental, social and engineering considerations.

The CTCU is now focussed on detailed design outcomes for the chosen corridor.

The current concept design has been included in this newsletter and is available to view on Council's website at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au (search for Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade).

The community is encouraged to view the design and provide any additional information that may be useful prior to and during upcoming phases of the project, including construction

There is also the opportunity to view the design and meet with the project team at a number of community drop-in sessions.

Community drop-in sessions

Saturday 14 August, 2-4pm

Caloundra Shopping Centre
(Corner of Bowman Road and Gosling Street, Caloundra – outside of Rockmans and King IT)

Tuesday 17 August, 11am-1pm

Caloundra Library (8 Omrah Avenue, Caloundra – in front of main entrance)

Thursday 19 August, 5-7pm

Caloundra Shopping Centre

Monday 23 August, 3-5pm

Caloundra Library

We ask you to please observe social distancing and follow any current directions in place by Queensland Health.



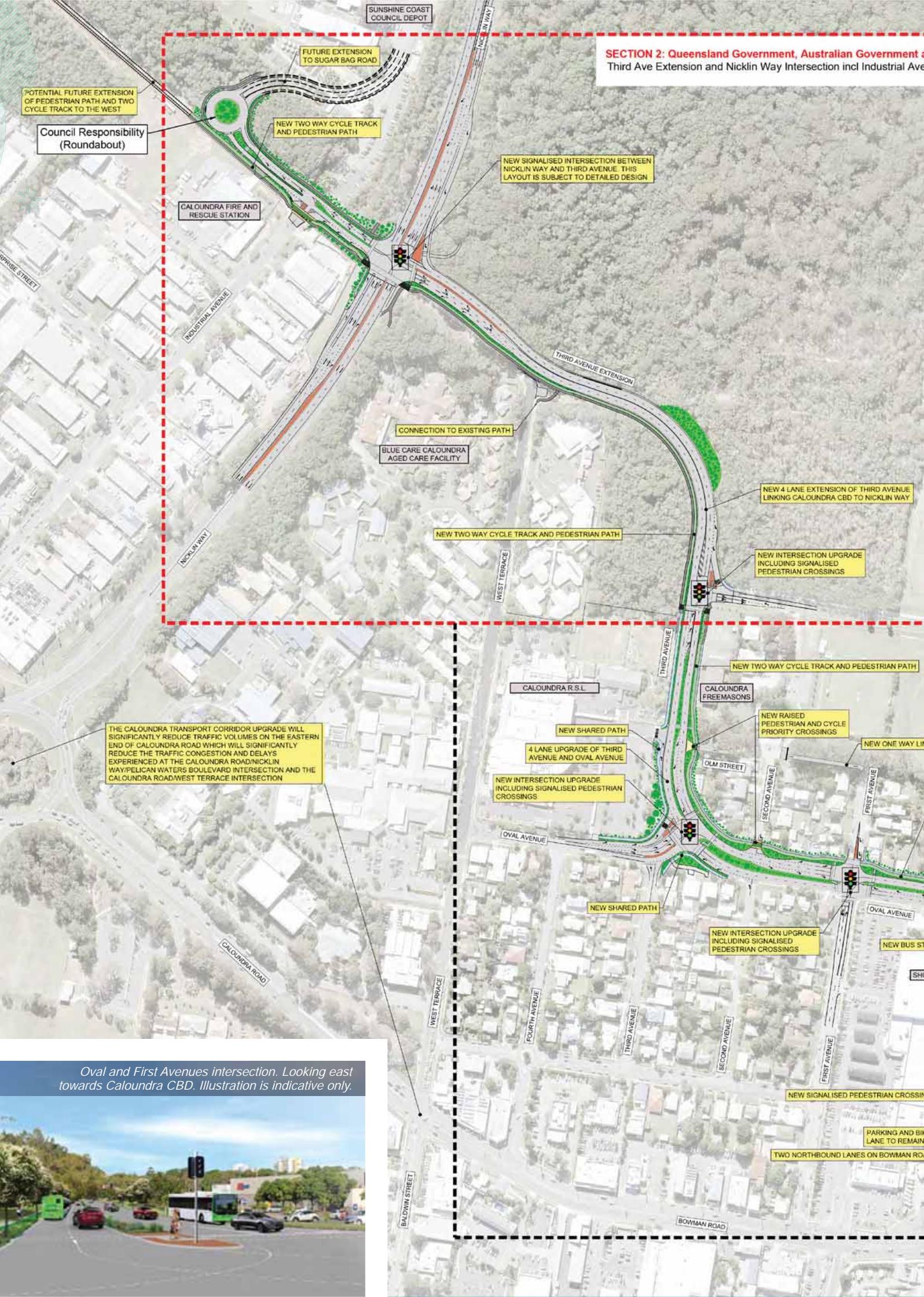
Nicklin Way to Omrah Avenue. Omrah Avenue and Arthur Street widening and Third Avenue and Nicklin Way extension. Illustration is indicative only.



Two-way cycle track and pedestrian pathway along Oval Avenue. View taken from Second Avenue. Illustration is indicative only.



SECTION 2: Queensland Government, Australian Government
 Third Ave Extension and Nicklin Way Intersection incl Industrial Ave



POTENTIAL FUTURE EXTENSION OF PEDESTRIAN PATH AND TWO CYCLE TRACK TO THE WEST

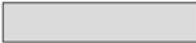
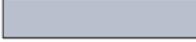
Council Responsibility (Roundabout)

THE CALOUNDRA TRANSPORT CORRIDOR UPGRADE WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE TRAFFIC VOLUMES ON THE EASTERN END OF CALOUNDRA ROAD WHICH WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND DELAYS EXPERIENCED AT THE CALOUNDRA ROAD/NICKLIN WAY/PELICAN WATERS BOULEVARD INTERSECTION AND THE CALOUNDRA ROAD/WEST TERRACE INTERSECTION

Oval and First Avenues intersection. Looking east towards Caloundra CBD. Illustration is indicative only.



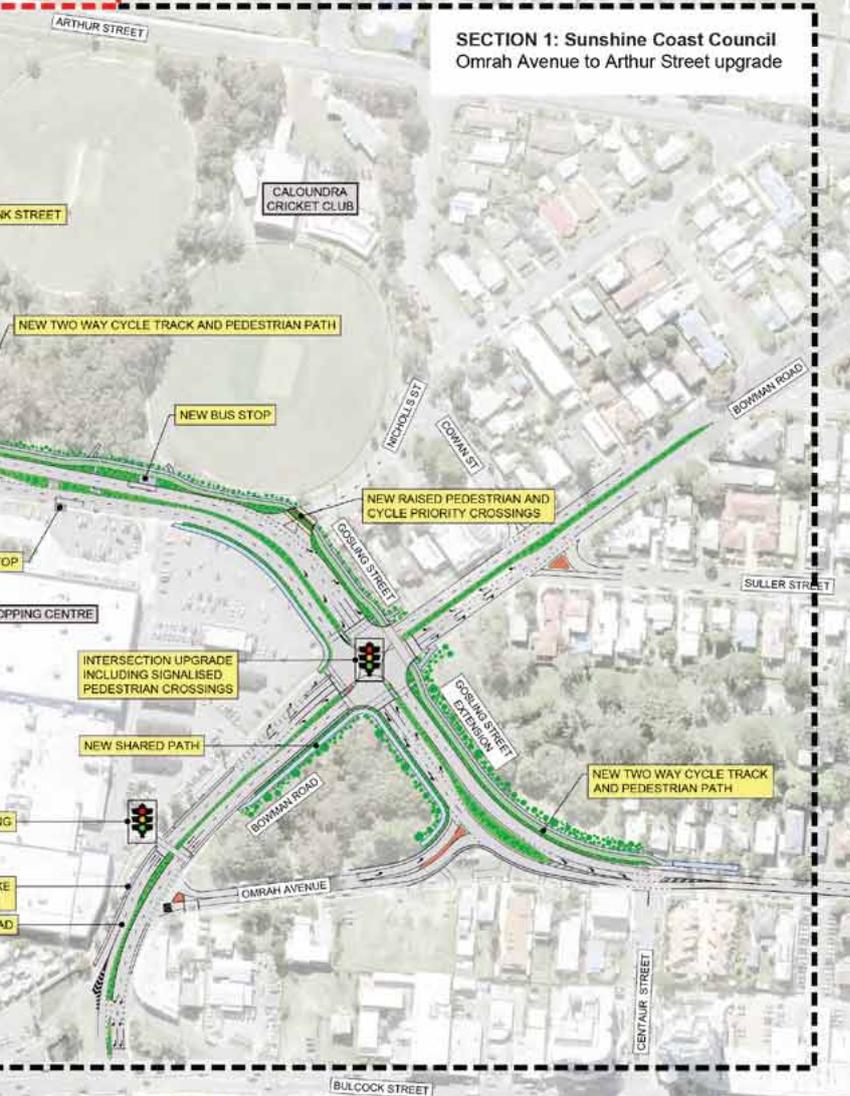
*Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade
Concept design and route layout*

-  ROAD PAVEMENT
-  PEDESTRIAN PATH
-  TWO-WAY CYCLE TRACK
-  SHARED PATH
-  LANDSCAPED MEDIAN / VERGE



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**SECTION 1: Sunshine Coast Council
Omrah Avenue to Arthur Street upgrade**



Project history and community engagement

The CTCU has been subject to numerous transport studies and community engagement processes over the past eight years.

2013

Council completed the Caloundra Area Transport Study in consultation with TMR. This study included community engagement on potential transport options, including upgrading Omrah Avenue to Nicklin Way.

2016

Council's draft Caloundra Centre Master Plan included the upgrade of Omrah Avenue to Nicklin Way, as well as other Caloundra projects. Community consultation was undertaken and Council staff met with key stakeholders to provide notification of the draft master plan consultation and submission process.

2018

Council engaged specialist consultants to undertake a detailed analysis of which route would be the most beneficial to Caloundra. Consideration was given to environmental, economic and social opportunities and challenges and the Oval Avenue and Third Avenue alignment was determined to be the best route. Council consulted the community and engaged with key stakeholders on the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Infrastructure Plan, which included the upgrade of Omrah Avenue to Nicklin Way.

A subsequent proposed planning scheme amendment to reflect the Caloundra Centre Master Plan was also subject to public consultation in 2018.

2019

Council and TMR signed the Caloundra Access Memorandum of Understanding which included this project as a jointly delivered contribution to address Caloundra's pressing congestion issues.

2019-2020

Council has continued to liaise with key stakeholders, including adjacent landowners and businesses along the CTCU corridor. In 2020 Council revised the CTCU design based on feedback from these stakeholders.

Keeping you informed

Council has been liaising with directly impacted property and business owners during the planning and development phase and will continue to do so throughout the project.

This Community Update has been distributed to all properties and property owners within the Caloundra postcode (4551) area.

Due to Council's commitment to sustainability, future project updates will be available on the project website and **sent via email to people who register to receive them.**

Register to receive project updates via email

To receive project updates, please email your contact details to ctcu@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Stay engaged

Council will continue to keep the community informed as we create this vital piece of transport infrastructure.

- Visit the project webpage on Council's website (search for CTCU)
- Contact the project team on the email below
- Scan the QR code.

Further info



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A note from your local councillor

This project will transform access to Caloundra, making it much easier and smoother by reducing the traffic congestion we all know too well.

This upgrade is vital to accommodate the growth in Caloundra and on the broader Sunshine Coast, which continues to attract an increasing number of visitors both locally and from other destinations.

I understand that a major road project like this can cause concerns for some members of our community. I want to assure you that Council is working closely with nearby stakeholders and landowners to minimise any adverse impacts, ensure everyone is kept informed and deliver a project that will have vast benefits for the whole of Caloundra now and in the future.

I encourage you to attend the community drop-in sessions and contact the project team if you have any questions.

Cr Terry Landsberg – Division 2

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 Council's control.