

## Project News

Project number: P-B4250

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# Parklands Boulevard Upgrade – Meridan Plains

### About the project

Council is planning to upgrade a section of Parklands Boulevard, between the IRT retirement village and approximately 100 metres west of Meridan Way (see figure 2).

The project is part of the Sunshine Coast Council Local Government Infrastructure Plan and plans to provide for the current and future transport needs of the Caloundra area.

The upgrade will improve safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, by helping improve traffic flow, reducing delays during peak periods and catering for future traffic volumes.

To minimise inconvenience to the community, construction will take place in two stages and occur between late 2018 and mid 2020.

The work involves:

- duplicating traffic lanes in both directions along this section of Parklands Boulevard to enable four lanes of traffic (two each way)
- creating new dedicated cycle lanes adjacent to the traffic lanes
- installing signalised pedestrian crossing points at intersections with Sunset Drive and Meridan Way on all crossing legs
- improving pedestrian shared pathways on both sides of Parklands Boulevard for the length of the project.
- relocating the existing bus stops to better service the area
- providing a U-turn facility between Meridan Way and Sunset Drive
- installing new street lighting and landscaping
- relocation of existing telecommunications and electrical services.

Please refer to the plan within this newsletter to view the preliminary upgrade design.



*Figure 1- current east bound traffic congestion on Parklands Boulevard during peak times*

### Indicative construction timeline

Construction works will be staged to help keep two-way traffic flowing throughout the construction period and minimise disruption to community and business centres within the project area.

- **Stage 1 – Commencing in December 2018.** Includes earthworks (mainly on the southern side of Parklands Boulevard opposite Meridan State College), service relocations and some minor road and footpath works associated with service relocations.
- **Stage 2 – Commencing September 2019 to mid 2020.** Includes road widening and realignment, intersection upgrades, pedestrian improvements, street light and traffic signal upgrades and landscaping.

To expedite the project, construction is expected to take place from Monday to Saturday and may also include some night works. Works will continue throughout school holidays but exclude public holidays.

All work will be subject to favourable weather and site conditions.

Some works are currently underway on Parklands Boulevard which are associated with the private development site midway between Meridan Way and Sunset Drive. As part of these works some reconstruction of Parklands Boulevard (a condition of council's approval of this development) will be undertaken by the developer and will form part of the final upgrade. These works are expected to be completed by late 2018.

## Community engagement

Council will continue to keep the community informed about the project through:

- **Meetings:** Meetings will be held with directly affected businesses, community organisations, local school and residents to discuss the preliminary project design and inform them of specific construction activities, timeframes and impacts.
- **A community display:** The preliminary design will be publicly displayed. Details will be announced on council's website soon.
- **A mailing network:** A database of interested stakeholders will be established. Regular updates will be issued throughout construction.
- **Project newsletters and construction notifications:** Newsletters and construction notifications will be issued to interested stakeholders at key milestones and throughout the construction phase.
- **Online:** Updates will be available on council's website and will be posted to council's social media pages.



### A note from your local councillor

I am delighted to announce that this important upgrade to Parklands Boulevard will be underway by the end of 2018. Four lanes of road in this area will enable residents to enjoy a safer and less congested traffic experience as well as cater for the area's future growth. I look forward to meeting with residents at the upcoming Community Display.

Cr Peter Cox, Division 3

- **Media:** Media releases will be issued to local print, radio and television media ahead of major construction.
- **Email:** A dedicated project email address has been established for stakeholders to contact the project team.

## What to expect during construction

Council will make every effort to minimise impacts to road users and the local community during construction. However, throughout the period there will be:

- changed traffic conditions – reduced speed limits, temporary lane closures, traffic and pedestrian realignments
- increased heavy vehicle movements
- construction noise
- some night work.

Traffic management measures will be in place during construction to ensure the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

## Further information

For further information about the Parklands Boulevard Upgrade project, please visit the website at [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) (search for Parklands Boulevard project) or contact the project team on:

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Or contact council's customer service team on 5475 7272 (please quote Parklands Boulevard project).